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EDITOR OF LOCAL PAPER IN COURT.

Legality of Ordinance in Dispute.

A TECHNICAL CASE.

A submission that the Enabling Ordinances of 1922 were ultra vires to the constitution of the Colony and that, further, the Regulation of Hong Kong referring to censorship was outside the Ordinance, was made by Mr. F. H. Loseby at the Central Magistracy this morning, in a case in which the Editors and printers of the Wah Kiu Yat Po and Nam Keung Po were summoned for having printed, published and distributed their paper containing matter in the Chinese language (other than a bona fide trade advertisement), which had not been previously submitted to the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs. Mr. Loseby appeared for the Editors of the Wah Kiu Yat Po.

The printer of the Chung Wah Yat Po and the Editor of the Nam Cheung Po were also summoned on a similar charge. Mr. J. T. Prior appeared on their behalf. Pleas of not guilty were entered.

Unfair Conditions.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor), opening the case for the prosecution, said that he did not intend to enlarge on the facts, which were simply that these newspapers, one on the 18th and another on the 19th, published articles which had not been submitted to the S.C.A. for censorship.

"I think I may say that it is not alleged that there is anything particularly objectionable about the articles. Similar articles have been published in other papers, but they had previously been censored. What is really an objectionable feature is that the offending papers are able to steal a march on the others and get the information to the public sooner," said counsel.

Referred to Prison Trouble.

His Worship: What, in fact, are these articles?
Counsel: They refer to the so-called strike at the prison.
Counsel went on to say that another point arose, and that was that the publishers and printers were not to know that such articles would have been passed by the Censor. That was apt to have a bad effect because publishers who were law abiding felt that it was not fair that others should publish articles without being censored. They felt, in fact, that they were losing by being censored.

His Worship asked Mr. Loseby what his defence would be, and Mr. Loseby replied that he would maintain that the Ordinance was ultra vires.

Mr. Prior, replying to his Worship, said his defence would rest on the same ground. As to the facts the only objection he made to the prosecution's submission was that Mr. Whyte-Smith had said that similar articles in other papers had been censored, and it was hardly fair to have them lose time in publishing. In actual fact, reports were put in these Chinese papers by the morning of the 18th, and were thus published before those complained of.

Also, his clients possibly saw no harm in publishing articles the substance of which had already appeared. The question of fairness, as put forward by the prosecution, was, therefore, disposed of.

Ordinance Ultra Vires?

His Worship (to Mr. Loseby): Do I understand that you are going to attempt to maintain that the Ordinance is ultra vires to the constitution of the Colony?

Mr. Loseby replied that that would be his submission, but that he had very little time to study the facts of the case, and would like an adjournment.

His Worship: Do you further suggest that the Regulation is outside the Ordinance?

Mr. Loseby replied that he might suggest that. He added that it might be possible that the Regulation itself was ultra vires. However, he wished to go fully into the matter.

Replying to his Worship, Mr.

ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN OPIUM.

Far Eastern Conditions Seen by Commission.

CHINA NOT COVERED

Geneva, Yesterday.
The League Council has accepted Siam's invitation to hold an opium smoking conference in Bangkok in November. The Council adopted the report of the Commission of Inquiry into opium smoking, covering all Far Eastern countries except China, which was not visited because it was not invited by the Chinese Government.

The report stated that the illicit traffic in opium prevented a complete suppression of opium smoking, although in some territories it was better controlled and partially reduced.

The Commission urged the League to do its utmost to assist Government's control of the illicit traffic by the limitation of poppy cultivation and preventive measures against smuggling and illicit use of the drug.

M. Ali Khan (Persia) said that poppy cultivation in Persia would be suppressed if the League would financially assist if necessary.

Mr. Marshall (India) said that the Government of India had not yet received the report, but he personally supported the Chinese representative and protested against the statements contained in the report regarding the situation in the interior of China.—Reuter.

WORLD'S IDLE.

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DOUBLE PREVIOUS YEAR.

Geneva, Yesterday.
There are over 11,000,000 unemployed persons in Europe, namely over the double amount a year ago, it is estimated by the International Labour Office. The world's unemployed approximate 20,000,000.—Reuter.

VIOLENT STORM.

RUSSIAN STEAMER SINKS IN BLACK SEA.

PASSENGERS DROWNED.

Bucharest, Yesterday.
During a violent storm in the Black Sea the Russian steamer Zavasia sank, 14 passengers and 36 members of the crew being drowned. Numerous fishing boats are missing.—Reuter.

THEFTS FROM SHIPS.

FITTER JAILED FOR STEALING COPPER.

Several larcenies from steamers lying at Tarkoo Docks were mentioned before Mr. R. E. Lindsay at the Central Police Court this morning. Mr. G. Bird (head watchman) appeared for the Dockyard.
A fitter was given four weeks' jail for the theft of some sheet copper from on board the N.Y.K. motor vessel Asama Maru. Mr. K. Mizutani, an officer, stated that the copper had been cut from a plating in the engine room.
In the second case, an odd job coiler was moted out with a similar penalty for the theft of a piece of lead piping, the property of Tarkoo Docks. Mr. Bird said that the piping had been definitely cut off from a ship under repair.
Two other odd job coilers were each fined \$10 or in default, fourteen days' jail for the theft of a pot of paint.

Whyte-Smith stated that although the Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood (Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who was present in Court) would be going away next week, he did not think his attendance would be necessary.

His Worship accordingly adjourned the case until January 28 (Wednesday) at 2.15 p.m. when the legal argument for the defence will be heard.

DEFEAT FOR FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

Sequel to Debate on Agriculture.

CABINET RESIGNS.

Paris, Yesterday.
In the Chamber to-day the Government were defeated by 293 votes to 288 on a debate arising out of the interpellation of the wheat policy, and decided to resign.—Reuter.

Parliament to Decide.
M. Steeg envisaged the Cabinet's collective resignation, but M. Boret and M. Meyer proposed individual resignation. At last the Cabinet agreed that Parliament will decide.

Another Report.
The Government were beaten in the Chamber on the agricultural question. M. Steeg resigned.—Havas.

Minister Blamed.
The President has accepted the Cabinet's resignation. The Government's defeat was the result of an open disagreement by M. Meyer, Under-Secretary of National Economy, with the policy announced by the Minister of Agriculture, M. Boret, last week, to raise the wheat prices in the interests of the farmer. Subsequently it was discovered that M. Boret's plan was disclosed in a trade paper as far back as December, coincidental with which there was heavy wheat speculation.

The motion on which the Government were defeated was moved by M. Buyat, a member of the Franklin Bouillon Group, who regretted that the speculative manoeuvres were due to a premature declaration by the Minister of Agriculture.—Reuter.

KWANGSI WAR.

TROOPS TO UNITE AGAINST REDS.

HONG KONG MEETING.

Canton, Yesterday.
Consequent on the departure from Hong Kong for Nanking of General Wang Shao-hung, who represented the Ironside-Kwangsi leaders to interview President Chiang, the Kwangsi situation appears more likely to be settled by pacific means. While staying in Hong Kong, General Wang is quoted as saying that he has been devoting his full energy to the early termination of the Kwangsi war, with the object of uniting the troops in the province for the suppression of Communist-bandits whose activities have spread to the extent of one-third of the province.

Supplies Exhausted.
In view of the rivers in Kwangsi having been subjected to blockade, since the outbreak of hostilities, the inhabitants in inland districts are in urgent need of daily commodities which had been exhausted a long time ago. General Wang has therefore requested C.-in-C. Chan Chai-tong, through Mr. Ho Tung, the chief officer attached to the 8th Route Army Headquarters, firstly to restore the communications, as an initial step for peace so as to meet the urgent demand of the people.

The Canton military executive is now considering this question, and will probably remove the obstruction to passage, when the insurgent leaders have expressed their loyalty to the Central Government by the circulation of a wire.

Second Step.
The second step taken is that the rebel leaders Li Tsung-yen, Chang Fat-kuei and Pei Tsung-hai are to release another circular telegram, announcing their retirement and departure for foreign countries. The Central Government will then appoint a high officer to take over their troops. After that the 8th Route (Canton) and 10th Route (Yunnan) armies will withdraw back to their respective provinces from Kwangsi.

Final Conditions.
According to a report, General Wang Shao-hung told a Hong Kong pressman that he was carrying five conditions, in connection with the settlement of the Kwangsi situation, to the Central Government for decision, namely:—

1. The reorganisation and dis-

SENTENCE OF COURT MARTIAL.

Naval Officer Dismissed His Ship.

SEVERELY REPRIMANDED.

Gibraltar, Yesterday.

The result of the Court-Martial held here to-day on the Commanding Officer and the Watch Officer of the Pandora (not the Proteus, as stated yesterday) is now announced. The Watch Officer, Lieut. Turnbull, has been dismissed his ship and severely reprimanded for neglecting his duties as Watch Officer on December 16.—Reuter.

The submarine Pandora, accompanied by the Perseus, Poseidon, and Proteus, left Portsmouth on December 13 to form a new flotilla and replace the "L" Class vessels, and is reported to have collided with the Proteus in the Straits of Gibraltar on December 16.]

Lucia Mutiny.

London, Yesterday.
At the fourth and last of the Lucia court-martials, Able-Seaman Joseph Luck has been sentenced to six months' detention.—Reuter.

EWING & CRICHTON MATCHED.

Middleweight Title Fight Arranged.

The China Mail learns that the much-discussed return bout between Seaman Harry Ewing, and Jack Crichton has become an established fact. The pair have accepted terms for a middleweight championship fight at the next tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, which is scheduled for February 7.

This should prove a great attraction, and a capacity house is assured.

U.S. LIQUOR LAWS TO BE MODIFIED?

Lively Discussion by Politicians.

REPUBLICANS SCARED.

Washington, Yesterday.
The conflicting opinions expressed in the Wickersham Prohibition Report have started lively discussions among politicians. President Hoover's apparent condemnation of the proposals to modify Prohibition have seemingly frightened Republican bosses, who fear that a too decided attitude may split the Party at the next presidential election in 1932. Senator Fess, Chairman of the Republic National Committee, has caused a sensation in political circles by denying after a private interview with the President that Mr. Hoover had irrevocably opposed any modification of the liquor laws. Senator Fess asserted that the President was keeping an open mind on the subject.—Reuter's American Service.

IDLE TONNAGE.

CONDITIONS BAD AT PORT OF HAMBURG.

Hamburg, Yesterday.
The record of tonnage idle at the port consists of 67 steamers, aggregating roughly 900,000 tons. Reuter.

bandment of Kwangsi troops; 2. The dispositions of Kwangsi troops; 3. The withdrawal of warrants of arrest against Li Tsung-yen and Pei Tsung-hai; 4. The payment of \$100,000 each as travelling expenses to the above leaders; 5. Kwangsi to be governed by its native sons.

There is nothing mentioned in the above report regarding the Ironsides, who it is said will be reorganised into Kwangsi Provincial Defence Corps.—Canton News Agency.

GENERAL STRIKES TO BE LEGALISED?

Heated Debate on Trade Amendment Bill.

REJECTION MOVED.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day the Trade Disputes and Trade Union Amendment Bill, aimed at modifying the Trade Disputes Act, carried by the Conservative Government after the general strike of 1926, came up for second reading. The Attorney-General refuted the opposition's objection to the Bill, which legalised the general strike, and said that the Government proposed to place the Trade Unions in the same position as before the passage of the 1927 Act.

Danger to Liberty.

The Attorney-General said that under the new Bill a political strike or strike with an object other than that of furthering the trade dispute, became illegal.

Mr. Baldwin, in moving the rejection of the Bill, said that a compromise on the Bill was impossible. The Bill was a danger to individual liberty and certain circumstances of State.—Reuter.

Debate Adjourned.

Later.

The House of Commons debate was adjourned to January 27.—Reuter.

PRISONERS FREED.

OVER 163 INDIANS MARCH OUT OF JAIL.

GOVERNMENT ORDER.

Nagpur, Yesterday.
Over 163 political prisoners marched out of Nagpur Jail in consequence of a local Government order to release men convicted before November 11, but not under the so-called "security" section.

Desire for Peace.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's declaration at the close of the Round Table Conference is regarded here as greatly altering the situation, and entailing a re-examination of the question of political prisoners. The Viceroy is reported to be impressed by the general desire for peace and the pacific temper of Congress, illustrated by compliance with the request of Mr. Sapru, Sir Srinivasa Sastri, and Mr. Jayakar.

Indian legislators claim that a decisive result will only be obtainable by the release of Gandhi and a dozen other Congress leaders, to enable them to confer. They hold that the question of a general amnesty can be considered later. The Viceroy's Executive Council held an emergency meeting to-day, it is believed in connection with this matter.—Reuter.

Earlier News.

Allahabad, Yesterday.
The Congress working committee, which met here yesterday "to consider the situation arising from Mr. MacDonald's declaration, and advise the country thereon," arrived at an unanimous decision, the publication of which is postponed pending the arrival of Sir Tej Sapru and Messrs. Sastri and Jayakar, who called requesting its postponement.

Meanwhile, however, the Congress programme will be carried out.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Sir Akbar Hydari, and members of the Hyderabad State delegation to the Indian Conference entertained the Premier, Mr. MacDonald, last night.

Sir Akbar Hydari said that during the conference, they had reached a degree of unanimity on the main issues which he regarded as a most remarkable achievement, and even were a settlement not reached, there had been a distinct relaxation of tension; and he paid a warm tribute to the sympathetic reception that Indian aspirations had received in Britain, and the intimate knowledge of Indian problems displayed by Mr. MacDonald.—British Wireless Service.

LIBERIA DEFENDS ITSELF.

Reply to Charges of Slavery.

MR. HENDERSON'S PRAISE.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The defence of Liberia against charges of slavery made in the report of the International Commission of Enquiry was undertaken by the Liberian Charge d'Affaires at a meeting of the Council of the League when he declared that there were corrupt officials everywhere, and pointed out that the Liberian Government asked for an international enquiry and accepted the Commission's recommendations and would carry them out within the limits of its resources as long as they did not undermine the sovereignty of the country.

Mr. Henderson praised the action of Liberia in proposing a Commission of Enquiry, and urged that there should be no great delay in carrying out the recommendations of the Commission. He hoped that Liberians' financial difficulties would be overcome and concluded by asking M. Zaleski to submit the proposals to the Council to remedy the deplorable situation in Liberia.—Reuter.

DEMAND FOR SILVER.

TEN SHILLING NOTES NOT TO BE ABOLISHED.

MR. SNOWDEN'S REPLY.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Snowden replied in the negative to questions by Mr. S. S. Hammersley as to whether he would consider the re-introduction of silver coinage of pre-war fineness, and whether he was aware that it was estimated that 70,000,000 ounces had been marketed owing to the lower silver content of the present coinage.

Mr. Snowden said that he was not considering the abolition of ten shilling notes in view of stimulating a greater demand for silver coinage.—Reuter.

ANNA PAVLOVA.

DEATH OF FAMOUS RUSSIAN BALLERINA.

"THE DYING SWAN."

The Hague, Yesterday.

The death occurred to-day of Madame Anna Pavlova, the Russian ballerina, at the age of 45 years.—Reuter.

[Madame Anna Pavlova was born in Petrograd and was for a time connected with the Imperial Russian corps de ballet. She has appeared in the United States and all the principal European capitals and frequently toured Great Britain, where she finally made her home. Some years ago she established with her husband a ballet school in London. Madame Pavlova will be remembered by thousands all over the world who were moved by her exquisite interpretation of the "Dying Swan" dance, to the music of Saint Saens. She was the greatest ballet danseuse of modern times.]

CRUDE PETROLEUM.

U.S. IMPORTS TO BE LIMITED FOR THREE YEARS.

BILL INTRODUCED.

Washington, Yesterday.

A Bill has been introduced in the Senate to limit the imports of crude petroleum for the next three years to 16,000,000 barrels yearly.—Reuter's American Service.

Jardine's new river steamer, the Paovo, was taken charge of by tugs just below Pootung Point, Shanghai, as the result of a winch freezing. The vessel was on the way to the Old Ningpo Wharf, and had to drop an anchor while turning, but when the time came to lift the anchor again it was found that the winch would not move, and the anchor had to be brought up by hand.

NON-STOP FLIGHT TO CANTON.

American Pilot Takes Off from Shanghai To-day.

PASSENGER SERVICE?

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Mr. G. W. Brophy, Manager and Pilot of the L. E. Gale Aviation Company, took off at 8.15 this morning in a Waco plane, aiming at a non-stop flight to Canton, en route to Manila.

Mr. Brophy's attempt is in the nature of a trial flight, with the object of later establishing a Shanghai Manila air mail and passenger service.—Reuter.

This flight down the south China coast and across the 850 miles of open sea that stretch between Canton and the capital of the Philippine Islands is being planned in an effort to demonstrate the practicability of an air and passenger service between the mainland and the islands.

Barring a mishap to the aeroplane or a sudden change for the worse in the prevailing weather conditions, Mr. Brophy expects to take off from Hungjiao in the Phoenix on Thursday next. Mr. A. W. Summers who is associated with Mr. Brophy in the local offices of The L. E. Gale Company stated last night that permission for the flight over Chinese territory and for landing at Foochow and Canton had been granted by the National Government authorities in Nanking. Telegraphic permission to land in Manila has also been received from the United States authorities in the Islands.

Stop at Foochow.
The first stop on the route will be made at Foochow, where arrangements have been made for refuelling the biplane before the resumption of the flight to Canton.

Upon the arrival in Canton, the aeroplane will be gone over thoroughly prior to the hop-off on the long, over-sea stretch to Manila. The cockpit of the Phoenix, which is designed to seat two persons, has been altered to allow for the installation of an extra fuel tank holding 50 gallons of petrol, thus giving a total of fuel capacity of 82 gallons. The distance from Canton to Manila is approximately 650 miles, a flight Mr. Brophy hopes to complete in from six to seven hours, unless strong head-winds are encountered on the way. With the added fuel tank, the biplane will have a flying range of almost 1,000 miles.

Small Power Plant.
The aeroplane to be used for this flight is a Waco light training biplane powered by a hundred and twenty-five (125) Horse Power Warner motor, a much smaller power plant than is usually used for long distance flying. Mr. Brophy, however, is placing complete confidence in the motor, and is not carrying with him any of the emergency safety devices often carried by over-water flyers.

Mr. Brophy has had a long and varied experience in the field of aviation. Some year ago he maintained a flying school in Phoenix, Arizona. Later he served as an instructor in the Mexican air force, and as a pilot for the Mexico-Guatemala air mail company. Before coming out to the Far East, he was director of aviation in the Central American country of San Salvador.

FINE.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: An anti-cyclone has formed over N. China and a depression over the Sea of Japan. The monsoon will freshen along the C.E. coast of China. Forecast:—N.E. winds; moderate; fine.

Rainfall.

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 0.11 inch against an average of 0.80.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

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Pratas Island	72
Manila	70
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Amoy	60
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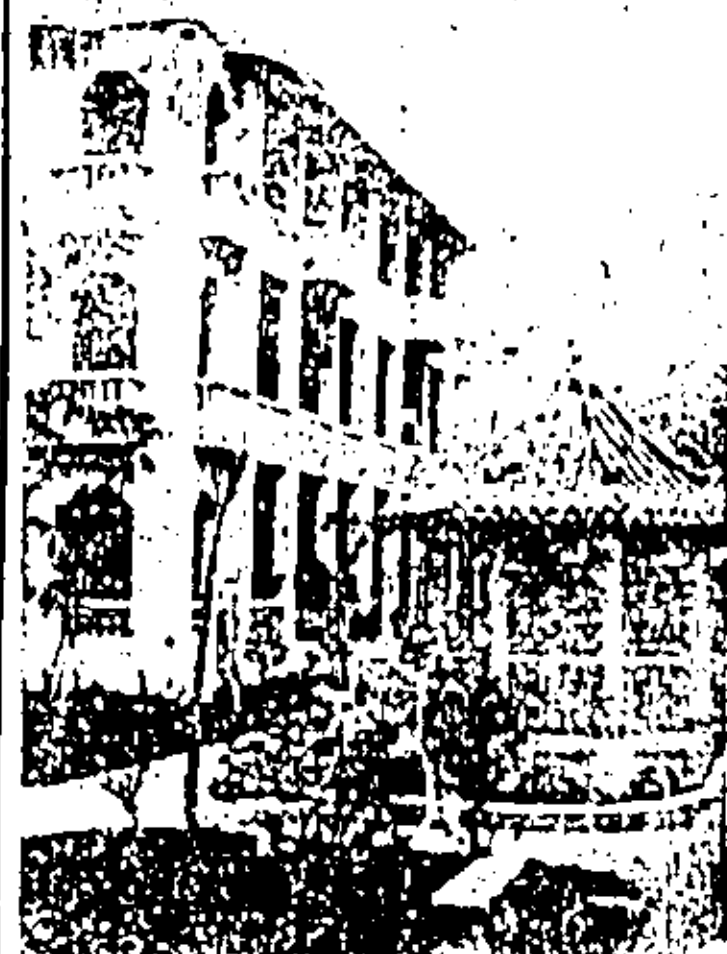
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**MESSRS. WATERLOW
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**Negligence, Proven in
Bank's Actions.**

AN IMPUDENT FRAUD.

A decision in favour of the
Bank of Portugal was reached on
December 22, after a 21-days trial
of the action they brought against
Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Ltd.,
of Great Winchester Street, E.C.,
claiming, originally, more than
£1,000,000, says the Daily Mail.

The action arose out of the
Portuguese banknote fraud of 1925.
The bank maintained that the loss
it suffered in consequence of the
fraud was occasioned by the
negligence of Messrs. Waterlow in
printing unauthorised notes on
forged orders produced by a man
named Marang, who was associat-
ed with the conspirators.

Messrs. Waterlow denied the al-
legations against them and main-
tained that the bank had acted
negligently.

Unparalleled Fraud.

Mr. Justice Wright, in giving
judgment, said he had formed a
clear view and reached a definite
conclusion on all the material
aspects of the case.

The claim, he said, arose out of
a most elaborate fraud which was
unparalleled in the history of our
commercial life. In character and
design the fraud was very simple.
It involved getting possession of
spurious and unauthorised notes
and putting them into circulation
to the profit of the adventurers.

That involved getting a banknote
printer to print them, and by very
bad luck the conspirators chose
the well-known firm of Waterlows
as their instrument for that pur-
pose.

By a series of ingenious tricks
they obtained delivery of 580,000
notes. The conspirators succeed-
ed through the ingratiating man-
ners of a Dutchman, Marang, who
was their emissary.

Having got the notes, the con-
spirators formed a bank with the
sanction of the Portuguese authori-
ties, but their very success was
their undoing, because the scale of
their operations attracted atten-
tion, and attention brought detec-
tion. They were arrested, notes
were seized, and they were sen-
tenced to terms of imprisonment.

As a result of that crime—a
most dramatic and interesting
crime if its complete history were
told—the Bank paid out in good
notes about £1,000,000 sterling and
the action was brought. The Bank,
however, had had the benefit of the
realisation of the assets taken
from the conspirators.

Marang's Resource.

Marang, said Mr. Justice Wright,
was handsome in exterior and of
prepossessing manners. Marang
told Messrs. Waterlow a circum-
stantial story about the finances of
Angola, and Sir William Waterlow
was thoroughly impressed by
Marang's manners, appearance,
and credentials. When Messrs.
Waterlow wrote a letter which
they proposed sending to the
Governor of the Bank setting out
the state that the business had
reached, Marang rose to the oc-
casion with extraordinary rapidity
and intelligence.

"Here one sees again the skill,
ingenuity, and resource of
Marang," remarked Mr. Justice
Wright, "because he at once said,
'My secretary is going from the
Hague to Lisbon shortly. Give
me the letter to the Governor and
I will get my secretary to deliver
it in person.' Had that letter
reached the Governor it would,
of course, have brought an authori-
tative statement from him. In reply
to that letter Marang produced a
letter from the Governor which
practically forbade any direct com-
munication with the Governor and
which meant that the Bank was
being handed over body and soul
to Marang."

"Sad Reflection."

Mr. Justice Wright said he ac-
cepted the position that a letter
which Sir William Waterlow said
he wrote to the governor of the
bank in January 1925 was written
and not received. Had it been re-
ceived it would have put a stop to
the unfortunate proceedings; but
somehow the letter disappeared.
Mr. Justice Wright pointed out
that Marang took the notes away
in trunks, and added:

It is a sad reflection on the
fairness of Marang that he did
not pay his last instalment for
the printing of the notes, or for
the trunks which were specially
purchased for him. He left
Waterlows owing them £486.
Up to that stage nobody knew
what had happened. Messrs.
Waterlows had been acting in
good faith and were unsuspect-
ing, and the Bank of Portugal
did not know the notes were in
existence.

If there was an unintentional
user without authority of the
bank's plates by the printers it
seemed to him that the risk of that
user fell upon the printers. In
such a case the printers had to
bear the consequences. The direc-
tors of Messrs. Waterlow, in his

view, fell short of that standard of
care as the very special nature of
their employment in such a busi-
ness as banknote printing required.
"Want of Due Care."

In the present case a gentleman
of the greatest ingenuity and with
the highest credentials placed the
order:

But the defendants ought to
have been more wary than they
were.

It may well be said that their
error was something which might
well be extenuated, and it is
no reflection on a great com-
pany that in particular circum-
stances they have fallen into a
particularly ingenious trap, and
have been the victims of a frau-
dulent crime which was without
example and which would not be
anticipated by any reasonable
man thinking of the matter at
the time. There was a want
of due care and due order stand-
ing on the part of the directors.
There is an enormous responsi-
bility on the printers of bank-
notes.

In such a case printers could
not accept a situation without
the closest and most stringent
scrutiny, and quite unexceptional
proofs, that what was being done
was being done in the appropriate
form. Messrs. Waterlow should
not have trusted, in such a matter,
a single person, and should not
have accepted such a position of
confidence when there were many
lines of inquiry which, had they
thought fit, they might have taken.

With regard to the plea of con-
tributory negligence, Mr. Justice
Wright said that none of the things
done by the bank of the discovery
of the fraud constituted want of
due care on the part of the bank
in the conduct of its own affairs.

In his view something ought to
have been done by the bank to
minimise the damages by receiving
and discussing the situation when
Messrs. Waterlows' representatives
came to interview them in Lisbon.
Some allowance ought therefore to
be made on those lines from the
amount claimed.

The bank was not justified in
going on to the very end paying
out notes without discrimination.

There would have to be judg-
ment for the bank. He would al-
low £80,000 from the amount
claimed in respect of 16,000 notes
which might have been saved.
Making that allowance and
giving the credit mentioned pre-
viously there would be judgment
for the plaintiffs for £531,851 with
costs.

In a legal argument Mr. Birkett
maintained that the figure of the
judgment should be £423,061.

Mr. Justice Wright said he would
consider the question of amount
later and enter judgment after
hearing further argument. He saw
no reason, however, why the costs
should not follow the event.

WORTHLESS CHEQUE**EUROPEAN SENTENCED FOR
UTTERING.****NO FUNDS.**

The case in which a European
named R. S. Forsyth-Forrest is
charged on three counts of cheat-
ing, was heard in the Kuala Lumpur
Police Court on January 5, before
Mr. G. A. de C. de Moubay, when
the accused pleaded guilty to all
three charges.

The charges were that he cheated
Mr. Lim Hee-keen, the manager of
the Great Eastern Hotel, Ampang
Road, on December 6, by dishonest-
ly inducing him to deliver to him
£100; that on December 8, at the
same hotel, he dishonestly induced
the manager to give him cash and
provide board and lodging to the
extent of \$30; and that on Decem-
ber 6, he cheated Mr. V. O. Rice,
the clerk and accountant at the
Empire Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, by
dishonestly inducing him to deliver
to him cash, and provide board and
lodging to the extent of \$100.

On the accused pleading guilty to
the charges, Mr. C. D. Colbert,
Court Chief Inspector, informed the
magistrate that Mr. McGregor of
the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank
was present in Court, and if neces-
sary could be questioned regarding
accused's account with the Bank.

A Credit Balance of \$4.81.
Mr. James Arthur McGregor,
Assistant in the Hong Kong and
Shanghai Bank, Kuala Lumpur,
called to the witness-box, stated
that on December 6, the balance
standing to the credit of accused's
account was \$4.81.

This amount had been standing
from November 13, and between
November 13 and December 6, there
had been one cheque tendered which
was referred back to the drawer
(accused).

After December 6, other such
cheques were tendered.

His Worship, to accused: Have
you anything to say before I pass
sentence?

"Accused: I wish to state that I
have settled the amounts mentioned
in the three charges and I hold re-
ceipts."

The receipts were handed to His
Worship.
"Accused further said that if he
had not been detained he would
have settled the other charges pend-

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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

After a three-day trial, a houseboy, native of Shanghai, was acquitted on a charge of the murder of another "boy" at No. 9, Felix Villas, in the early hours of December 13. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains a comprehensive account of the trial, together with the text of a forceful plea by counsel for the defence.

Interesting details of the forthcoming Census of the Colony, to be taken on March 7 next, are contained in the Census Bill, the gist of which is reproduced in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

A sensational seizure of opium by Revenue Officers was made aboard a launch proceeding from Macao to Hong Kong. The contraband amounted to 1,200 taels, and was concealed in the engine room. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL gives complete details.

At the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong an interesting talk on the scope of anatomy, with particular reference to evolution, was given by Professor Shellshear of the Hong Kong University. A full report appears in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

A case with unusual features was heard at the Assizes, when a man was charged with participation in a robbery from a sampan woman two years ago. It was stated that the Chinese detective who effected the arrest had since been murdered. The case, and the man's eventual acquittal, is fully chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

An outstanding event of the social season was the visit to the Colony of Dame Clara Butt and Mr. Kennerly Rumford. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL reproduces expert critiques of their song recitals.

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DEPRESSION REACHES JAPAN.

Completion of N.Y.K. & O.S.K. Programmes. REQUIREMENTS EXCEEDED.

After a period of prosperity, the Japanese shipbuilding industry is now keenly feeling both local and world depression. This fact is brought into prominence by a review recently issued by no less an authority than Mr. Eisaburo Kusano. It is from his review that the following data has largely been collated. During 1929 Japan launched close on 165,000 tons gross of ships, a new high record since the war boom from 1916-1921. In February, 1930, there was approximately 210,000 tons under construction in Japanese yards, but now, notwithstanding the enormous building programme of the N.Y.K. and the O.S.K. (the main factor of the late shipbuilding revival in Japan), their programmes being virtually completed, "shipbuilders now already suffer from the acute want of work again."

During the first six months of last year 39 ships aggregating 110,000 tons were launched, while on July 1 there were 33 under construction, totalling 139,662 tons, 22 being Diesels of 127,310 tons, two ships, 235 tons of sailing ships, the remainder being steamers.

During the first half of 1930 12 vessels aggregating 107,000 tons were completed, including the motorships Chichibu Maru, Melbourne Maru, Hikawa Maru, Brisbane Maru, Helyo Maru, Tatsuta Maru, Terukuni Maru, Rio de Janeiro Maru, and Kinai Maru.

This comparatively wholesale completion and launching of important vessels leaves the outlook by no means encouraging, and it is evident that Japan's shipbuilding capacity to-day by far exceeds present requirements. Even with the recent revival, when there were 200,000 tons of ships under construction, only about 80 per cent of total equipment was engaged. Excess of extension of their capacity during the war boom is blamed for the present acute depression.

At the moment there are 11 industrial companies possessing 18 yards with 73 docks and 63 slips of over 1,000 tons capacity. How this equipment exceeds requirements is clearly shown by comparing the present state of affairs with the pre-war period.

The annual launching of ships in Japan fluctuated within narrow limits of the 50,000-ton mark before the war. Subsequently, however, the tonnage increased by leaps and bounds until in the year 1919 it reached a total of 610,000 tons.

In 1930 Japan ranked third in international shipbuilding, and her dockyards had thirteen times as much work to do as compared with pre-war days, and their building capacity was increased from 8 to 10 times due to the boom stimulation. Before the war there were five ship-

building companies operating six yards equipped with 17 slips. During the war the companies increased in number to 56 running 67 yards and 157 slips.

This rapid extension, which appears to have been somewhat reckless in view of later developments, provided for a phenomenal increase in the demand for slips in Japan, but builders were stimulated with the idea of the Imperial Navy's famous eight-eight fleet programme in view, and appeared satisfied that there would be ample work long after the war boom was over. The Washington Conference, however, put an end to their dreams, and construction soon sank to its former 50,000 tons level, which was Japan's average production from 1901-1915 and 1922 to 1927.

Sale of Second-Hand Tonnage.

But the decline in the volume of ships launched in and after 1927 was partly due to the import of second-hand European ships. With all European nations building the newest types of vessels necessary for both speed and economy in the struggle for trade supremacy, many old vessels were sold at bargain prices as unsuitable for the new era of competition. These were readily purchased by Japanese shipping concerns which needed to adjust the high prices of their boats on their registers. While on paper the scheme looked good, in reality it proved a fatal move.

So great were the importations of cheap second-hand boats that on short order some 1,500,000 tons were purchased, a far greater volume than Japan had ever previously owned. This had also the effect of reducing the efficiency of Japanese commercial fleets to such an extent that many were forced out of business in the international market as business declined and competition increased.

In 1927 Japan commenced to restrict the importation of old ships, and in that year 100,000 tons only were imported chiefly for scrapping, and the tonnage operated sharply declined. This tendency was further accentuated, so that in 1929 only 33,000 tons were imported practically all for scrapping. Now the importation is practically dead.

Notwithstanding the decline in demand for new boats in and after 1922, Japanese shipyard capacity had scarcely diminished, but the earthquake of 1923 delivered a blow to shipyards in the affected area. Even then, shipbuilding capacity to-day is four to five times as large as in pre-war days.

Mr. Kusano says: "The shipbuilding industry in this country has been active during the past few years. It has resulted from factors of temporary nature, however, and the liveliness is already gone. Included among these factors are three major ones, which are: (1) the easiness of the money market, (2) the construction of new ships to be placed on subsidised lines, and, (3) the craze for Diesel engine ships."

The construction of new fast ships, including steamers, then started in rapid succession at dockyards, moss-grown from absence of work for many years. Most of the new tonnage was Diesel equipped with engines of the newest design, specially constructed for Pacific trade. Then the N.Y.K. and the O.S.K. found it incumbent on them to build new ships to place on the subsidised lines, and as they decided to adopt Diesel engines, the phenomenal activity in Diesel construction in Japan is easily explained. The subsidised vessels are now virtually completed and no further extension of the system is yet in sight.

At the beginning of 1930 out of the 200,000 tons under construction in Japanese yards, some 120,000 to 130,000 tons were for the subsidised lines or classified as special ships. The balance of 70,000 to 80,000 tons roughly corresponds to the tonnage Japan annually loses either by disaster or scrapping. This tonnage is slightly more than was built during the worst period after the war, 1925-26, when launchings had fallen to about 50,000 tons. It is now believed that in view of present conditions and future outlook, construction of new ships in Japan in and after 1931 will decline to about 70,000 or 80,000 tons.

Motorships Replacing Steamers.

The only bright spot is the recent activities of shipping companies in the replacement of reciprocating steamers with Diesel vessels. The reason is because they cannot carry on business with any margin of profit without them. If the money market becomes tight, and if the prevailing low rates of freight (now below even Diesel rate) continue, shipping companies may change their minds. They might be contented with partial improvements, such as the installation of patent rudders or exhaust turbines on old steamers instead of building new Diesel boats. In face of the severe depression many firms are wavering in their plans to build new Diesel vessel, and one firm which had placed a contract with the Mitsubishi Nagasaki yard for a 9,800-ton Diesel ship has recently cancelled the order.

The only plans worth mentioning for new construction drafted since the commencement of 1930 are Kohsuai Kisen's two 10,000-ton Diesel liners, Daien Kisen's four 4,500-ton cargo boats, Iino Shoji's one 12,000-ton oil tanker, and the Government Railway's two 4,000-ton Diesel ferry boats, to be operated between Shimonoeki and Fusan Chosen.

The conclusion of the London Naval Treaty was another unfavourable factor for Japanese yards, since the Imperial Navy's building programme is about cut in two. The annual average spending is about 88,000,000 yen. While it has not been announced how far the programme will be carried out in the fiscal year 1931-2, it is worth noting that the Navy used to give 39 per cent of its entire building work to civilian yards, the naval arsenals doing the remainder. About 60 per cent of the work reserved for the naval arsenals is also subcontracted to civilian concerns, this virtually means that about 70 per cent of the entire programme ultimately finds its way to private yards.

In consideration of the fact that the Navy's work given by private yards is practically one-third of their total engagement and that the commercial condition is so unfavourable, there seems but a lean chance for new building orders, and the plight of the shipbuilders looks very gloomy.

In 1912-14 Japan had about 1,500,000 tons of shipping; to-day this tonnage has increased to 4,300,000 tons, including many of "crude" ships, built during the war boom and about 1,500,000 tons of imported vessels. This makes repair work about three times as great as in pre-war days. Against this the increased number of docks able to accommodate large vessels has increased by 50 per cent, so that virtually even yards it amounts to about twice what it formerly did. The result is that nearly all concerns, in the absence of new contracts, are concentrating on repairs and converting their establishments accordingly. This appears to be Japan's big chance of overcoming her difficulties, especially as many of the larger concerns are engaged in the manufacture of building materials for civil engineering projects.

Rationalisation Project.

Meanwhile a national issue has been raised on rationalisation of the shipbuilding industry in Japan; in mid-July the Extraordinary Industrial Investigation Commission recommended to the Government three alternate plans:

1. To effect an amalgamation of all the shipbuilding companies.
 2. To promote a new company under joint investment of shipbuilding companies with the object of undertaking a joint management of the shipbuilding enterprises.
 3. To promote a new company under joint investment of shipbuilding companies with the object of transferring the management from the present owners to the new company.
- As a result much discussion took place, and at least one practical proposal suggested that the companies in Kwanto be merged and allow the six companies in Kansai. Present indications are that the four

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companies in Kwanto have possibilities of being amalgamated into one concern, frequent meetings having taken place between the chief executives with favourable results.

Included in important plans now pending, the Government proposes financial accommodation to shipping companies. It is understood that the Government proposes to grant an annual loan to the amount of 10,000,000 yen for three consecutive years at a special low interest rate through the Industrial Bank of Japan on condition that ships having a cargo capacity of not less than 6,000 tons, and a sea speed of not less than 14 knots at half load, be built; it is further understood that the loan is redeemable in about 15 years, and that it is to be granted up to two-thirds of the cost of construction of each of such ships.

If this plan materialises, the Government is to grant a loan of 30,000,000 yen in three years; as the loan is to be made up to two-thirds of the cost of construction, the annual amount to be spent in shipbuilding under this system will come to 15,000,000 yen, which converted into tonnage of Diesel cargo boats, corresponds to 80,000 to 90,000 tons. In view of the fact that the annual launchings of new ships stood at about 50,000 tons even when the industry was most severely depressed after the war, this addition of 80,000 to 90,000 tons should keep the shipyards fairly busy. One outstanding difficulty in the realisation of this plan is that while the Government will guarantee payment of interest, it will not compensate the banks the total amount of loan in case of a total loss. Without this guarantee few banks would undertake the loans, because they are exceedingly chary as regards financial accommodation to shipping and shipbuilding concerns, having had bitter experiences in the past. Unless a way can be found out of this impasse, it is feared that the companies which can avail themselves of this proposed system will be limited only to those which can raise funds elsewhere even without the aid of the system.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:
Berwick—North arm.
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Osiris—in dock.
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Seraph—No. 7 buoy.
Seraph—No. 8 buoy.
Sirdar—No. 12 buoy.
Somers—No. 11 buoy.
Sterling—No. 10 buoy.
Stormcloud—No. 11 buoy.
Thracian—No. 8 buoy.
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Hong Kong, Friday, Jan. 23, 1931.

A PUBLIC SCANDAL.

The three riders which on
Tuesday concluded the enquiry
into the deaths of two Chinese
infants, concerning the identity
of whose corpses some confusion
seems to have existed, draw at-
tention to a state of affairs which
calls for a thorough investigation
by the authorities.

It will be recalled that on
November 14, 1930, a parcel, from
which a leg was protruding, was
found lying under a bush in the
Public Gardens, near Albany
Road. The Central Police Station
was notified and in due course
the body was removed by the
Sanitary Department coolies and
taken to the Public Mortuary.

According to Dr. A. V. Grieves,
when he was called to the Mor-
tuary on November 15, he found
the bodies of two Chinese babies,
numbered three and four respec-
tively. One had been strangled
and the other had died a natural
death. The Mortuary attendant
stated in his evidence that the
two bodies were placed on sepa-
rate slabs on admission, but when
he saw them the following morn-
ing, other bodies had been placed
beside them, and he was unable
to distinguish them.

This confusion, it appears,
arose out of the failure to attach
identity cards to the corpses, and
secondly, owing to the fact that a
strip of print cloth which was
found tied around the neck of the
murdered infant was not preserv-
ed. In the words of the third
rider, "The two bodies involved
must have been mixed up at the
Mortuary owing to the fact that
the steps taken by the Mortuary

authorities to differentiate be-
tween one body and another were
insufficient."

Again, it was admitted at the
opening of the enquiry by Dr.
Grieves, who conducted a post
mortem examination that, al-
though he knew quite well that
death was due to strangulation,
he did not think it sufficiently im-
portant to warrant a special re-
port. "It did not occur to me at
the time," he stated in reply to
the Coroner. He further admitted
that the strip of cloth found tied
around the infant's neck, which
had been the instrument of its
death and would, we may assume,
have assisted the Police in the
detection of the murderer, was
not preserved. Why this valu-
able clue should be regarded as of
so little importance, and why Dr.
Grieves should consider that a case
of murder did not justify a
special report being made, we are
at a loss to imagine.

On the face of the evidence and
the admissions of the witnesses
at the inquest, there seems to
have been a desultory and hap-
hazard casualness on the part of
all concerned, amounting to gross
negligence. The Police them-
selves who, it must be admitted,
were not informed of the case in
such a manner as the circum-
stances demanded, did not escape
a reprimand, and, according to
the first rider, "No sufficient ex-
amination was made by Inspec-
tor Shaftain," who, it will be re-
called, admitted that his ex-
amination of the corpse was
"probably superficial."

That such a state of affairs
should exist in the Public Services
is little short of scandalous, and
we trust that the despatch of the
rider to His Excellency the Gov-
ernor will result in the machinery
governing the duties of the Pub-
lic Mortuary and other officials
concerned being effectively tight-
ened-up.

Had the strip of cloth been pre-
served, as it certainly should
have been, and had a card been
affixed to each infant, thus ob-
viating all unnecessary confu-
sion, there is a possibility that
the Police would have been able to
discover those responsible for the
crime. Apparently the mixing up
of the bodies was not the only
confusion that existed at the Mor-
tuary, and anybody was allowed
to have access to the corpses.
The body of the strangled infant,
it was stated, was actually ad-
mitted by a man having no official
connection with the Mortuary and
not even in the Government ser-
vice. The No. 1 attendant was
attending a relative's
funeral, whilst his subordinate,
who should have been on duty,

was absent. Altogether there
would seem to be an entire lack
of organisation among the staff
at the Mortuary, and nothing to
prevent any person depositing,
removing, or otherwise interfer-
ing with bodies that have been de-
posited there. There also ap-
pears to be no recognised system
by means of which the corpses
may be identified, for, if the evi-
dence of a Sanitary Department
coolie is to be given credence, he
had never, in all his experience,
seen a card attached to a body.

The dangers of a system, if it
can be called even that, which ad-
mits of such laxity and confusion,
are only too evident. The whole
case leaves one with a sense of
misgiving and uneasiness, and if
stringent action does not follow
these revelations, then it is time
that a protest were aired in
public.

News in Brief.

Mrs. A. T. Hamilton is to distri-
bute the prizes at the Ellis Kadoorie
School next Thursday morning.

Knocked down by a tramcar in
Des Vaux Road Central near West-
ern Street yesterday a Chinese
man, 68 years of age, was removed
to the Government Civil Hospital
suffering from injuries to his head
and spine.

Chan Kin-ying, (28), a kept wo-
man, at 472 Hennessy Road, was
yesterday removed to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital suffering from
some form of poisoning said to have
been self-administered. Her con-
dition is serious.

An unemployed Chinese, Chan
(29), was to-day charged at the
Kowloon Magistracy with break-
ing and entering a dwelling at Lam Lo
Mei village, and stealing a quilt,
property of Tam Kwan, two
months' imprisonment was im-
posed.

The Committee of the Sailors'
and Soldiers' Home very gratefully
acknowledges the receipt of the fol-
lowing donations towards the funds
of the Home:—Mr. J. K. Bousfield,
\$10, Union Insurance Society of
Canton Ltd., and its Affiliated
Companies, \$300.

Tam Ping (25), and Chan Tak,
appeared on similar charges of
stealing a piece of timber from a
Water Tunnel at Shek Li
Pui yesterday, the property
of the Hong Kong Pile Driv-
ing and Excavation Company.
Mr. Butters imposed a fine of \$20
or three weeks' on each defendant.

Li Pun (36) of no fixed address,
met his death yesterday morning in
the Construction Department of the
Royal Naval Dockyard, when a steel
plate, weighing about 6 cwt, fell on
him from a chain sling. The ac-
cident occurred at 9.45 in the morn-
ing, and Li Pun died in the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital at 3 p.m. from
his injuries.

Mr. Butters refused to believe
that Tang Lin picked up a tape
measure two days after leaving
prison and gave him the option of
\$50 or another month's imprison-
ment. He was arrested in Canton
Road yesterday and charged at the
Kowloon Magistracy this morning
with being in possession of the
tape measure, value \$2.

At 4 a.m. yesterday a burglar
endeavoured to break into the
ground floor of Sincere Terrace,
"B" block, occupied by a Chinese
and his family. The intruder had
skillfully removed the jalousies of
a verandah door before the Chin-
ese was aroused from his sleep and
blew a Police whistle. The bur-
glar, whose age could not have been
more than 20, at once bolted up
an adjoining hill.

A pick-pocket was sentenced to
six months' imprisonment and two
years police supervision at the Kow-
loon Magistracy this morning. It
was stated that the defendant, Ho
Ping, an unemployed Chinese,
extracted a \$10 note from the
pocket of Chan Shui, of 226, Tai
Nam Street, covering his action
by holding his hat over the man's
pocket. Complacant's niece, who
was with him, saw the defendant's
action, and the man was arrested.

Lam Fuk, a native of the Shek
Ma village, made another appear-
ance before Mr. Butters, at the
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday
afternoon, on a charge of having,
between November 17 and Decem-
ber 24, harboured a girl named Mun
Kam (18) without the consent of
her grandmother. Mr. M. A. da
Silva, appearing for the accused,
tendered a plea of guilty and asked
that a lenient view be taken, as the
defendant had acted in good faith
and believed the girl to be over 21.
Moreover, the girl had willingly
gone with the defendant. Mr.
Butters imposed a fine of \$100 or
six weeks' imprisonment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TRADE DEPRESSION.

(To the Editor of "China Mail.")
Sir,—In regard to your leading
article, "Silver Lining," I wish
you could emphasise the fact that
the recognised and admitted means
of trade improvement (lowering of
production costs) is not a matter
for mills, factories, and direct pro-
ducers merely. I am fully con-
vinced that the unproductive rate of
working by Government, Municipal,
and sheltered trades employees
(what loafing! Twenty men taking
a week to do what one man could do
in a couple of hours) is the "bottle-
neck" that is hindering the flow of
trade and world recovery.

Yours, etc.

ABUNDANCE.

Hong Kong, January 23, 1931.

HELENA MAY.

PIANO AND SONG RECITAL LAST NIGHT.

A delightful concert was given at
the Helena May Institute by Mr.
and Mrs. Bowes-Smith yesterday
evening. This is the first piano and
song recital they have given since
their return to the Colony and there
was a large and appreciative au-
dience to welcome them. Mrs.
Bowes-Smith is always at her best
in German Lieder and her
first group of three songs by
Richard Strauss was particu-
larly charming. The love-
ly "Allerseelen" was followed
by a tender little lullaby "Meinem
Kinde" in which the pianissimo
high notes were particularly effec-
tive. "Ständchen," light and
trilling, ended a very well chosen
group. The accompaniments were
perfection in the hands of Mr.
Bowes-Smith.

Fascinating Song.

Later, she gave us "Fair House
of Joy" (Quitter) a new and fas-
cinating little song by Novello called
"Page's Road Song," "Lovers
Quarrel" (Cyril Scott) and
"Adonais." The latter is London
Ronald's most ambitious song:
written in the form of a "Dramatic
Scene" to words selected from
Shelley's famous "lament" for the
poet Keats. It opens with a "recit-
tative" which leads to a lovely "Andan-
tino" in G. Minor. A beautiful
basket of flowers was handed to
Mrs. Bowes-Smith at the close of
this song. The accompaniments to
the English songs were most sym-
pathetically played by Mr. Dudley
Bartlett.

It is always a pleasure to hear
Mr. Bowes-Smith play Chopin. His
light touch and keen sense of
rhythm make the chromatic pas-
sages and cadenzas a delight to the
ear and he never fails in the more
emotional moments. His first
group comprised the "Improvisu in
F Sharp," the ever-popular "Valses
in C Sharp Minor" and the "Valses
in A Flat."

Later he gave the "Etude in E"
without which no Chopin Recital
is complete, the "Prelude in C
Minor" and finished with a brilliant
and dramatic interpretation of the
"Ballad in G. Minor."

A Contrast.

Four solos by Russian Compo-
sers ended the programme. "Pres-
du Berceau" by Moskowski with
its graceful swinging melody served
as a complete contrast to the
sparkle and vivacity of "Scherzo-
Etude" by the same composer.
Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in G.
Sharp Minor" is seldom heard but is
no less lovely than the "Prelude
in G. Minor" which was brilliantly
interpreted and roused such en-
thusiasm that the pianist was
obliged to concede an encore—we
could not catch the name of this
crisp and delightful little piece but
suspect that it was by York Bowen.
The next concert is on February 5,
organised by Mrs. Grantham and
under the patronage of Lady Peel.

—Acwo.

BRITISH PEOPLE.

THRIFLESS, INDOLENT, LAZY & LUXURY-LOVING.

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the
Right Rev. H. A. Wilson, speaking
at Witham, Essex, recently said
that when young people of to-day
looked at pictures of their grand-
fathers and grandmothers, "very
queer old things, no doubt," they
were looking at people who held the
world's markets and built up the
industries of Great Britain.

The Bishop added:—"We have a
million and a quarter unemployed,
largely because we have forgotten
how to work hard. I can remember
when the heads of a business would
work five-and-a-half days a week.
Now they want to 'play golf' on
Saturday, perhaps on Monday, and
for half a day on Friday."
"We are thrifless, indolent, plea-
sure-seeking and luxury-loving, and
we are lazy!"

TREE PLANTING ON DARTMOOR.

Objections to Big Scheme.

SPOILING GRANDEUR.

Considerable misgivings are
being felt in the West of England
as a result of the recent decision of
the Duchy of Cornwall to lease
5,000 acres of Dartmoor to the
Forestry Commission for planta-
tion purposes; 1,329 acres have al-
ready been handed over to the care
of the Commission.

The afforestation of the portion
which comprises Belliver and
Laughter marks a further break
with the pastoral character of
Dartmoor. Devon men have al-
ways enjoyed certain rights of
pasture, which were confirmed
by King John in 1204; these have
been of the utmost importance in
an agricultural and stock-raising
country.

The enclosure of certain portions
of land, which is believed by some
to have been carried out at the ex-
pense of commoners' rights, dates
from the end of the Eighteenth
Century; it continued until, by the
close of last century, nearly 22,000
acres were enclosed. Thus much
of the best grazing land was de-
voted to tillage, and thousands of
Dartmoor ponies died from want of
the sheltered, combs, from which
they were excluded by the en-
closures.

Of recent years, such leases as
have not expired have been ac-
quired by the Duchy of Cornwall; and
on the reclaimed land both agricul-
ture and afforestation have been
attempted. It is generally believed
that afforestation has not been a
success. Both at Beardown and
Fernworthy sheltered rough
pastures have been sacrificed for
planting.

A further stage has now been
reached by the leasing of the land
mentioned to the Forestry Commis-
sion. It is believed in many quar-
ters that this will prove a costly
experiment at the expense of the
taxpayer. Before the War a series
of plantations were made at
Brimpt, in as favourable a situa-
tion as could be found on Dart-
moor. These should now be
mature; but on the higher ground
the average yield per tree is only
two lengths of nine feet each.

Primitive Moorland.

A suggestion is being made that
Dartmoor should be acquired as a
National Park. No place in Eng-
land preserves primitive conditions
so faithfully; no area combines to
better effect historical interest
with grandeur of moorland
scenery. Any scheme of affor-
estation, such as is now being
undertaken, would deprive the
Moor of much of its primitive
beauty, and would inevitably lead
to severe restrictions of public ac-
cess.

An official of the Forestry Com-
mission admitted that the proposed
afforestation had given rise to
heated controversy.

"It would not be correct," he
added, "to say that previous at-
tempts at plantation on Dartmoor
have been a failure. A fairly re-
cent report stated that plantations
are on the whole quite promising
and growth was as good as was
expected." The question of con-
version of Dartmoor into a
National Park is at present sub-
siding. The National Parks Com-
mittee is still sitting, but I under-
stand that its report will be
published before long. Nothing
that is being done by us would in-
terfere with the adaptation of
Dartmoor as a National Park.

"The leasing of the area in ques-
tion by the Duchy of Cornwall to
the Forestry Commission is
nothing very remarkable. The
Duchy is, in a certain sense, almost
a Government Department; all that
the recent negotiations amount to
is that, instead of supervising the
plantations itself, the Duchy has
transferred the duty to another de-
partment."

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
January 23, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/10
15/16.

The Religio e Patria approves
the objection of the Rock with re-
spect to the formation of the
Y.M.C.A. in Hong Kong as a war
memorial, and suggests as a per-
manent and useful monument on
the part of the Catholics, which
will benefit the whole community,
the establishment of a high class
college, directed by the able Jesuit
Teachers.

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING

Ceremony At Yaumati Government School.

HIGH STANDARD OF WORK.

Interesting Speech By the Hon. Mr. S. W. T'so.

The annual prize-giving of the Yaumati Government School took place this morning, those present including the Hon. Mr. S. W. T'so, O.B.E., L.L.D., and Mr. G. P. Martin.

The Hon. Mr. T'so, in an address given in Chinese, after congratulating the teachers on the excellent work done during the past year, congratulated the pupils for maintaining such a high standard of efficiency, and said that he was sure that the boys who were not receiving prizes to-day would surely do so one day if they persevered. If everyone won a prize, there would be no competition!

They were very lucky indeed to have such a good school to attend, and in view of the fact that the Peninsula was assuming such dimensions, he hoped that the Government would soon see their way clear to erect other schools.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

Mr. W. L. Hand-side, M.A., M.Sc., F.R.C.S., thanked Mr. T'so for honouring them with his presence, and after reading the report called upon Mr. T'so to present the prizes.

Dr. T'so, Mr. de Martin, Ladies and Gentlemen, Staff and Boys,—

I have great pleasure in presenting the Report of this School for the year ending December 31, 1930—the more so as it is my first, and one is usually thrilled by first experiences. Of course I have once before held the onerous position of Headmaster of a Government District School. That that was a thrilling experience you may well imagine when I tell you that it occurred during the stirring days of 1925 when Head-masterships were anything but sinecures. But that is all by the way. My 1930 experiences were if not ideal at least much more pleasant.

A Report such as this must be largely a dry-as-dust affair. We head masters pray for the time when we can follow the example

staff that these changes made little difference to the school work.

It is with the deepest regret that I have to report the death on October 17 of one of our Vernacular Masters, Mr. Ng Wan-to. A more conscientious and capable master it would be hard to find anywhere. He is and will be for a long time, sadly missed.

After a short interval when Mr. Chung Hau-sang acted, Mr. Chan Nai-so was appointed vice Mr. Ng.

Fees.—No change was made in fees.

Building and Equipment.—During the Summer Vacation the P.W.D. repaired our leaky roof for which the teachers and pupils of Class 4A were genuinely thankful. The lighting (both natural and artificial) is unsatisfactory but general improvement along these lines is under consideration. We managed to get a supply of electric bulbs which made conditions somewhat cheerier. No change has yet been made in the lavatory arrangements but we hope that will be rectified in the near future. Additions have been made to our Equipment in the shape of Reading Sheets, Maps, Blackboards and Blackboard Varnish and a Weighing Machine. This last has been well used already, every boy in the school having been weighed and measured at least once (and the members of the Staff including myself but excluding so far as I am aware, the ladies, a good many times). We hope to watch the progress of each boy in this way as well as in more intellectual pursuits. Education is no longer a mere matter of "the Three E's."

Discipline.—This word is terribly old-fashioned and conjures up visions of irate heads armed with cane or tawse. These days are gone, we hope never to return. Few of us have any difficulty as regards discipline with Chinese boys, but they are not so placid as tradition tries to make out. The only genuine discipline is obtained through interested work. Discipline with us is more difficult during Chinese lessons which seems to me to indicate lack of interest. I make bold to say that the Chinese studies in Classes 8 and 7 would be much more satisfactorily done by Anglo-Chinese Masters who have a more modern approach to teaching.

Organisation.—There has been little change in organisation. New Readers were introduced in Class 8 with beneficial results. It is our intention to introduce in time this series (New Method Readers) throughout the School. If so, those Schools from which we draw boys for Classes 7 and upward will have to fall into line or they will deprive their pupils of the opportunity of being admitted here.

I considered introducing Physical Instruction but none of the members of the Staff had been trained to teach it and I couldn't see my way to do it all myself. It must await the appointment of a Special Instructor who at the same time could train the young or assistant masters.

Health.—The general health of the boys is fair but not so good as the attendance returns seem to show. A large number complained of minor ailments and we are grateful to the M.O. in charge of Kowloon Hospital and the Yaumati Public Dispensary for their treatment of cases sent to them. Inspections by M.O. and Asst. M.O. in Schools took place in June and November and the School Nurse visited in November. For Class 5 eyesight examination, we hope in future to be provided with data which will enable us to estimate the progress in physical development made by every pupil.

as we can tell their scholastic progress. 23 boys were provided with spectacles and 62 boys and 3 masters were vaccinated or revaccinated. Two boys were advised to have their tonsils seen to but so far that advice has not been acted on. This shows that a good deal of medical propaganda or education is still necessary among parents.

Studies.—In the Annual Examination the results were: Class 4 (Qualifying Examination for Upper Classes of Queen's College and King's College). 49 examined, 24 passed or 49 per cent. Only 2 failed in Chinese. The results as a whole are not satisfactory but are easily explained. (a) This year the test was stiffened up especially in Written Composition (b) the B. division where the failures occurred was the class that suffered badly in 1928 owing to staff shortage and changes. The A division did very creditably. It is much better that the selection for further study should be made here than later. Then parents and boys have ample opportunity for deciding whether the boys should try again or should seek employment without further waste of time and money.

In the Annual Examination for the remaining classes, 196 were examined; in English subjects, 190 or 97 per cent. passed and 180 or 92 per cent. passed in Chinese. Mr. Y. P. Law, Inspector of Vernacular Schools selected the passages for Chinese Dictation which ensured a reasonable standard in Chinese. We are grateful to him for his interest and the trouble he took. English Conversation is only fair but improved considerably towards the end of the year. The examination in Oral English was conducted by the European members of the Staff. Arithmetic showed improvement but facility in mental calculation leaves much to be desired.

Greater Progress.—Admissions to Class 5 are confined to boys of 12 years of age and under. This makes for greater progress in the long run. Young boys learn much more easily and stay with us longer.

Yaumati boys continue to do well in Queen's College and King's College and occasionally in University Examinations. So far no permanent record has been kept but that is being rectified.

Athletics.—These continue to form an integral part of the curriculum. A number of boys were taught to swim at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. (Hong Kong) and facilities were granted in the Summer for daily bathing by revising the time-table. Inter-class competitions in Volley Ball and Football were held and Ping-pong has suddenly sprung into high favour especially among the smaller boys. Good use was made of Ground 0 at King's Park and several football matches were played with outside teams. The school was represented at all School Athletic Meetings and had occasional success. The whole School (in two parties) visited Cheung Chau and besides touring the island, played games with the pupils of Cheung Chau School. Such visits are beneficial to both institutions.

Unqualified Success.—The 14th Annual Sports Meeting was held in December, and was an unqualified success. Mrs. R. H. Kotewall distributed the prizes and Hon. Dr. Kotewall addressed the boys in Chinese.

Classes 4 and 5 attended the Agricultural Show, and later the whole school saw the film "with Byrd to the South Pole," and spent an afternoon viewing the magnificent chrysanthemum display in a nearby garden.

In September we had an Exhibition of Drawings, Paintings, Maps, Handwork, &c. done by the pupils during the Summer Vacation. It was visited by the Director of Education and Mrs. de Martin, by the Hon. Dr. Kotewall, by the Headmaster of Queen's College (Mr. F. J. de Rome) and by a former Headmaster of Yaumati, Mr. A. O. Brawn as well as by friends of my own and of the staff. It proved conclusively that the artistic outlook and skill in craftsmanship of the Chinese schoolboy merely awaits encouragement to burst forth into activity.

A special competition was also held in Translation and in English Composition. We are grateful to Mr. R. A. D. Forrest of the S.C.A. for adjudicating in the former. Special prizes are being awarded to-day.

General.—Considerable additions were made during the year to the Library and a supply of magazines and periodicals in accordance with the limited means at our disposal was maintained. The Library and Reading Room although ill-lit in dimensions was well patronised by Classes 4 and 5. Class libraries will be arranged as soon as funds permit. The disconcerting vagaries of our local currency prohibit any immediate chance of extensions. We shall be fortunate if we manage to maintain our present position.

Loyal Support.—I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the staff for the loyal way they have supported me—a comparative stranger to most of them—while I have been here. I

should like especially to mention Mr. Ho for general all round assistance, Mr. Lam for the care and patience he took with all things pertaining to medical inspection (almost a full-time job) and to Mr. Sung for his ungrudging work in connection with Athletics, Sports &c., but all deserve great credit. I wish also to thank the Head Prefect and his fellow-prefects for the willing way in which they performed the many seemingly trivial but really very important duties I placed on their shoulders.

I have on behalf of the School to thank the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Kotewall for their great interest in the school and for their contribution (entirely unsolicited) to the School Funds, to the Director of Education and Mrs. de Martin for their continued personal interest in the school and for their attendance here to-day. I wish also to thank all other visitors: their attendance at a function of this kind—which is too formal to be entertaining and has not even the advantage of being highbrow—is a distinct encouragement to staff and pupils.

Finally, Sir, I most sincerely thank you for finding a spare hour in your busy life to come here to distribute these prizes and to address a few words to us all. We are all very grateful to you.

PRIZE WINNERS.

The following are the prize winners:—

English.
Class 4a:—1st, Lui Hing-kui (Govt. F.S. for 3 years); 2nd, Li Pao-tin (Govt. F.S. for 3 years); 3rd, Chan Sik-kwan (Govt. F.S. for 3 years); 4th, Yim Chi-sang (Govt. F.S. for 3 years); 5th, Fung Kwong-ye (W.H.T. F.S. for 3 years); 6th, Au Kwong-chiu (Class Prize).

Class 4b:—1st, Man Sing-fong (Govt. F.S. for 3 years); 2nd, Leung Kam-to (Class Prize).

Class 5:—1st, Li San-man (Govt. F.S. for 1 year); 2nd, Ting Ping-kwan (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 3rd, Chan Chuen-mong (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 4th, Wong Ting-hon (Class Prize).

Class 6a:—1st, Lam Kwong-wing (Govt. F.S. for 1 year); 2nd, Li Sui-luen (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 3rd, Lau Yun-choi (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 4th, Ko Shiu-hung (Class Prize).

Class 6b:—1st, Yuen Chun-wing (Class Prize).

Class 7a:—1st, Tong Ho-pui (Govt. F.S. for 1 year); 2nd, Fong Kwai-tak (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 3rd, Yeung Yuk-hay (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 4th, Yau Ka-chung (Class Prize).

Class 7b:—1st, Wong Kwok-hung (Class Prize).

Class 8a:—1st, Chan Man-cheuk (Govt. F.S. for 1 year); 2nd, Fung Sing-ping (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 3rd, Wong Ying-choi (W.H.T. F.S. for 1 year); 4th, Siu Tun-tai (Class Prize).

Class 8b:—1st, Tam Ping-kun (Class Prize).

Ping Pong Champion:—Wong Kam-lie.

Special Prizes.
Special Prizes for Chinese:—Class 4a, Yim Chi-sang; Class 4b, Man Sing-fong; Class 5, Wong Ting-hon; Class 6a, Wong Ying-choi; Class 6b, Lui King-man; Class 7a, Fan Ping-chung; Class 7b, Ho Tin-sang; Class 8a, Chan Man-cheuk; Class 8b, Tam Ping-kun.

Special Prizes for Art:—Chan Man-cheuk and Kwong Tat-yung.

Special Prizes for Translation:—Chan Sik-kwan and Chan Hon-fai.

Special Prizes for Composition (Dialogue):—Li Pui-shun and Chan Hon-tat.

Badges.
Head Prefect:—Lui Hing-kui, Class 4a.

Prefects:—Yim Chi-sang, Class 4a; Ng Yuk-ki, Class 4a; Fung Kwong-ye, Class 4a; Tse Chan-wing, Class 4b; Leung Kam-to, Class 4b; and Fung Ming-gang, Class 4b.

Football Captain:—Yuen Wa-cheuk, Class 4b.

Volley Ball Captain:—Li Pui-shun, Class 4a.

RICH GERMANS.

THE KAISER STILL A MILLIONAIRE.

Germany at present possesses 4,000 millionaires, but a millionaire in Germany is a man who is worth 1,000,000 marks, which is only £50,000.

There are only fifteen persons in the country who are millionaires in the British sense of the term. Before the War there were over 10,000 "millionaires" in Germany, and the richest man was the Kaiser, who is still a millionaire in pounds sterling.

Mr. Alan Hill-Reid, who arrived from Home by P. & O. str. Comorin, has gone to Shanghai to join Messrs. Millington Ltd., as executive. He has had a long connection with advertising in England, having been employed in the Publicity Departments of the late Aircraft Manufacturing Co., Hendon, (producers of the de Havilland aeroplanes), and Smith & Sons (M.A.) Ltd., manufacturers of aircraft and motor instruments. Both as artist and writer he was responsible for the writing and illustrating of the first book on commercial aerial photography. For the past nine years he has been chief assistant of the Lamson Agency, the concern responsible for all Lord Inchcape's advertising, including the P. & O. S.N. Co. and P. & O. Banking Corporation. His services have been acquired in order to strengthen the technical side of Messrs. Millington.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PENINSULA HOTEL.

Monday, 16th February, 1931.
Friday, 20th February, 1931.

Patrons are notified that no Dinner Dance will be held at the above Hotel on Monday, 16th February, 1931 and Friday, 20th February, 1931.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

AMERICAN

Chemical Diamonds are equal to real diamonds in brilliancy, lustre and hardness. Cut glasses like real diamonds. Proof against fire, steel file and nitric acid. Price per carat H.K. \$5 nett. Terms Cash or C.O.D. The American Chemical Diamond Co., P.O. Box 360, PENANG, STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

To-morrow—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

To-morrow—Burns' dinner, Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant, 8 p.m.

Sunday—Tea Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Entertainments. Theatre.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

To-day—Central Theatre.

"Mamba."

To-day—World Theatre.

"Love and Duty" (Chinese drama).

To-day—Star Theatre.

"Black Magic."

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"The Cuckoos."

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Hakone Maru); from Europe via Siberia (Katori Maru).

To-morrow Inward from America and ports (President Hayes); Outward from Europe via Marseilles (Katori Maru), 9.30 a.m.; for Europe via Siberia (Hakone Maru), 12.30 p.m.

Land Sale.

Monday—At P.W.D. offices, one lot of Crown land at Wong-Nel Chung, 3 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Meeting.

February 10—H. K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., ordinary meeting, Messrs Jardine Matheson's Offices, 12.30 p.m.

Lammer's Auctions.

To-morrow—At China Providence Loan & Mortgage Co.'s Godown No. 5 (West Point), 3,953 bags centrifugal sugar and 4 barrels coconut oil, 11 a.m.

Tuesday—At 178, The Peak, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday—At the premises of the Industrial Commercial Bank, Queen's Road Central, office furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

February 19—Entries close for Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, noon.

February 25—Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall.

A NEW JUDGE.

MR. G. P. LANGTON SUCCEEDS MR. JUSTICE HILL.

Mr. George Phillip Langton, K.G., has been appointed to succeed Mr. Justice Hill as a judge of the High Court (Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division).

The new judge is 49 years of age, and has been a barrister for just a quarter of a century. He served in the War with the Royal Garrison Artillery, and was for a time garrison adjutant at Queenstown Harbour.

Later he was attached to the Intelligence Department at the War Office, and subsequently acted as Commissioner of Labour Disputes for the Ministry of Munitions. He "took silk" in 1925.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Per S.S. Kamo Maru for Australia on January 22:—

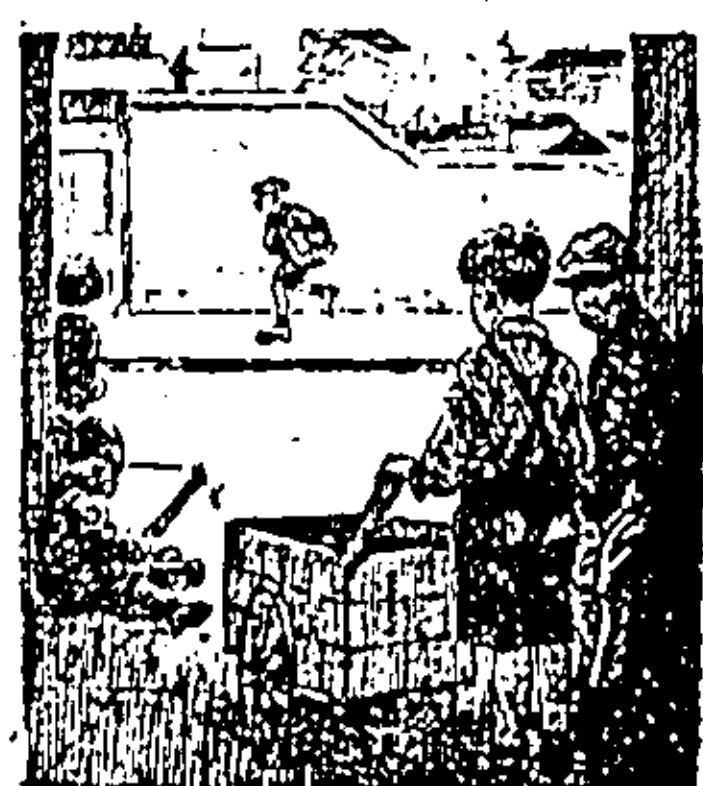
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. V. Ribeiro, Miss O. M. Ribeiro, Master Tony Ribeiro, H. P. Whitmarsh, Joaquina Talbas, Johnson, Mrs. Sundt, Mr. and Mrs. Pindor, von Schmieden, Marshall, F. A. Xavier, Miss C. A. Xavier, I. Kohara, Mr. and Mrs. V. Neves, Master V. Neves, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Billet, Mannel de Escour, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Stanton.

MUSICAL COMEDY
MEMORIES
OF 40 YEARS AGO
Columbia
Vocal Gems
DX126—Florodora Vocal Gems.
DX 45—A Country Girl Selection.
9925—Belle of New York Vocal Gems.
9896—Ivan Caryll Memories Vocal Gems.
9883—Lionel Monckton Memories Vocal Gems.
9882—Paul Rubens Memories Selection.
THE ANDERSON MUSIC CO., LTD.

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Sole Agents—
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TYPE also is
"PART OF THE PICTURE"
BEAUTIFUL PRINTING
OUR business folders, announcements, and printing of all sorts will be more resultful if typographically more expressive of the nature of your business.
We have not only the standard types but also a variety of free and sketchy designs that will subtly indicate qualities of handwork and craftsmanship.
THE NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE LTD.
For Better Printing.
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PERFECTION SCOTCH
EQUALLED BY NONE.
Also in oval bottles and flasks.
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GANDE, PRICE & CO., LTD.
WINE MERCHANTS.
St. George's Building, Ice House Street, Hong Kong.
Dial 20185.



"Alfie skates very well now!"
"He is not perfect. His father won't let him fetch the beer on them yet."

Passing Show, London.

of the Chairman at the various Company meetings and say: "The Report has been in your hands for some time; I shall take it as read and merely comment on a few events of outstanding importance." I doubt, however, whether there will be any great desire to answer questions from the "body of the hall." I shall do my utmost to make my remarks brief and I hope to the point.

Attendance.—The School opened 373 times during the year. Maximum Enrollment: 274 as in 1929. Average Daily Attendance: 254.7.

Considering the prevalence of malaria among a certain section of the pupils, especially those from the New Territories, the attendance (97.7 per cent.) is excellent. There is, however, still a tendency for boys (or their guardians for them) to ask leave on trivial grounds, e.g., "business. Business is not a reasonable excuse for a schoolboy. I would ask all guardians to see that their wards attend regularly and further take a greater interest in what the boys are doing. Only so can good progress be made. We here see that they work in school under the happiest possible conditions but we cannot be with them all the time. Much of our effort must go for nothing if there is lack of interest on the part of parents and guardians. They should make it a point of seeing the Headmaster or some member of the Staff once or twice every year and find out what we are trying to do.

Staff.—Except for the Head-mastership, there has been little change in the Staffing arrangements during the year. The year started with Mr. Mycock as Head; in April he was transferred to Ellis Kadoorie School and Mr. Brawn took charge until he was appointed Acting Inspector of Schools in June, when I was transferred from Queen's College. It says much for the zeal of the

SHOE SALE.

ODDMENTS TO CLEAR

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ALL SIZES

for

ALL OCCASIONS

in

LADIES', KIDDIES' & INFANTS'

SHOES.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.

GRAY'S YELLOW LANTERN SHOPS

Alexandra Bldg.

Corner of Des Voeux Road C. and Chater Road.

LINENS, LINGERIE, PYJAMAS, GIFTS,
NOVELTY JEWELLERY ETC.

HONG KONG SHANGHAI MANILA.

G. FALCONER & CO., (HONG KONG) LTD.

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS
DIAMOND MERCHANTS.
Union Building (opposite G.P.O.)Agents for:— ADMIRALTY CHARTS,
ROSS'S BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES,
KELVIN'S NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
ENGLISH SILVERWARE, direct from Manufacturers,
High Class English Jewellery.Get that
Buoyant
Feeling!

You have experienced it at some time of your life—that feeling of being buoyed up when you felt as if you walked on air, when you could eat anything and do anything. You hardly knew you had such organs inside you as stomach, liver, intestines, in those days.

But now, if you suffer from biliousness, liveriness, constipation or indigestion, you will be unpleasantly aware of their existence. If you want to recover your former good spirits take

PINKETTES
The Dainty Little Liver and
Laxative Regulators

They are the ideal thing to keep you in tune. By cleansing the food tract and toning up the liver and intestines they bring you back that buoyant, happy feeling of real fitness. Pinkettes Clean, Tonic, Laxative and Laxative Perfection.

TAKE THEM AT WEEK-END

Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL.

NEWPORT DRAW WITH
WALSALL.

London, Yesterday.
Playing at Newport to-day, in the Third Division (Southern) the home team drew with Walsall, each side scoring one goal.—Reuter.

League Table Revised.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts Cnty.	25	16	6	3	61	28	38
Crystal Pal.	24	13	5	6	63	47	31
Northampton	26	12	6	8	45	30	30
Brighton	24	10	4	10	40	28	30
Southend	25	14	2	9	48	39	30
Brentford	25	12	4	9	50	47	27
Fulham	25	11	5	9	45	48	27
Torquay	26	11	5	10	56	60	27
Coventry	24	11	4	9	56	42	26
Exeter	25	9	8	8	44	49	26
Bournemouth	25	9	7	9	46	59	25
Watford	26	10	5	11	50	50	25
Gillingham	25	8	9	8	42	41	24
Luton	25	9	6	10	33	37	24
Swindon	25	11	2	12	49	56	24
Queen's P.R.	25	10	3	12	54	45	23
Bristol R.	26	8	7	11	43	60	23
Clapton O.	23	9	4	10	39	42	22
Walsall	25	6	7	11	51	57	19
Norwich	25	6	4	15	28	44	16
Thames	25	6	3	16	26	62	15
Newport	25	6	3	16	48	73	15

Who'll Win.

ENGLISH CUP TIES AND
LEAGUE GAMES.(Exclusive to China Mail—
By "Linesman.")

The following is a list of Home football matches to-morrow. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

ENGLISH CUP.

Crystal Pal.	v. Everton
BRADFORD C.	v. Wolves
LEEDS	v. Exeter
LEEDS	v. Newcastle
GRIMSBY	v. Manchester U.
CHelsea	v. ARSENAL
SOUTHPORT	v. Blackpool
BRADFORD	v. Bristol Rovers
BOLTON	v. Burnley
SHEFFIELD U.	v. Notts Co.
WEST BROM.	v. Tottenham
Watford	v. Brighton
Brentford	v. PORTSMOUTH
Barnsley	v. WEDNESDAY
Birmingham	v. Port Vale

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Liverpool	v. ASTON VILLA
MIDDLESBRO'	v. Huddersfield

Charlton	v. Bristol C.
Notts P.	v. MILWALL
STAMFORD	v. Reading
SWANSEA	v. Plymouth

COVENTRY	v. Norwich
FULHAM	v. Thames
SWINDON	v. Clapton O.
Walsall	v. Queen's P.R.

Division III—Southern.	
COVENTRY	v. Norwich
FULHAM	v. Thames
SWINDON	v. Clapton O.
Walsall	v. Queen's P.R.

Division III—Northern.	
ACCRINGTON	v. Carlisle
Barnsley	v. Chester
CHESTERFIELD	v. Hull
CREWE	v. Wrexham
Doncaster	v. LINCOLN
Gateshead	v. HARTLEPOOLS
Hull	v. Darlington
N. BRIGHTON	v. Nelson
Rochdale	v. TRANMERE
STOCKPORT	v. Wigan

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen	v. CELTIC
CLYDE	v. Airdrie
East Fife	v. PARTICK
Falkirk	v. Cowdenbeath
HAMILTON	v. Dundee
HIBERNIANS	v. Ayr
Kilmarnock	v. MOTHERWELL
MORTON	v. Hearts
QUEEN'S P.K.	v. Leith
RANGERS	v. St. Mirren

TO-MORROW'S SNIPS.

Bury	v. Blackburn Rovers.
Sheffield United.	
Bradford City.	
Southampton.	
Fulham.	
Stockport.	
Rangers.	
Portsmouth.	
Wednesday.	
Aston Villa.	
Lincoln.	
Tranmere.	
Carlisle.	
Partick Thistle.	
Motherwell.	
Motherwell.	

HOCKEY.

UNIVERSITY TEAM FOR
TO-DAY.

The following will represent the Varsity XI. against the Punjab to-day at 5 p.m. sharp on the Marjula ground:—
P. C. Tan, W. A. James, A. M. Rodriguez, E. L. Foo, A. B. Bulman (Captain), E. C. Ng, P. L. Tan, P. M. N. de Silva, G. E. Teoh, A. M. Aziz and K. S. Ng.
Reserve: A. B. Bato.
Y.M.C.A. Team for To-morrow.
The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI. in their match with the Hong Kong Police (Indians) at King's Park to-morrow. Gully-off at 8.30 p.m.:—
W. J. Scott, J. M. Parry, L. T. Tipple, L. W. Macey, P. Allen, C. Mitchell, H. Muller, W. H. Smith, Dr. Ashton, B. A. Bates and W. J. Scott.
Referee: Mr. G. F. Ross.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

FINAL INTERPORT TRIAL
MATCH.

The match between the Club and the Army in the Triangular Tournament originally fixed for to-morrow has been temporarily postponed. As a welcome substitute game a third and final interport trial will take place at 2.15 p.m.

The teams are as follows:—
Club Colours: J. P. Whitham; G. P. Lammert, G. A. L. Plummer, R. H. Griffiths, G. E. Moore, M. W. Turner, J. W. King, D. L. Milne-Day, W. F. Peers, W. F. Leckie, F. R. Burch, W. Hartley, E. B. Gammell, E. F. Buttress, B. P. Massey (captain).
The Rest: L/Cpl. Frankham, G. L. Douglas (captain), I. A. Ross (Club), J. J. Ferguson (Club); L/Cpl. Rees (Army), J. A. R. Selby (Club); F/O. Beamish (Navy), J. H. McElroy (Club), L/Cpl. Trutt (Army), Sgt. Vowles (Army), E. R. J. B. Atkinson (Club) and A. R. Cox (Club).
Reserves: Mid. Parker (Navy), W. J. Kerr and W. Mitford (Club).
Referee: Capt. Gottwaltz.
The Rest will play in green and white jerseys, obtainable on the ground.

Players and spectators are asked to note that the time of the kick-off is 2.15 p.m.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS FOR LEAGUE
GAMES TO-MORROW.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club in League matches against the Civil Service Cricket Club to-morrow.

1st XI. on H.K.C.C. ground:—
T. E. Pearce, E. R. Mitchell, A. C. Beck, K. H. Batger, A. Reid, H. Owen Hughes, E. R. Duckitt, A. C. I. Bowker, R. H. Wild, C. E. Gahagan and W. Rigg.
2nd XI. on C.S.C.C. ground:—
H. J. Armstrong, C. A. Wright, E. J. Collins, P. W. J. Planner, R. R. Davies, E. C. Eberington, J. D. A. Minu, J. S. A. Curran, A. S. Ismail and A. Rahim.
The following will represent the I.R.C. against the Navy to-morrow at 2 p.m.:—
A. H. Ramjahn, S. A. Ismail, A. H. Madar, A. el Arculli, A. A. Ramjahn, A. R. Minu, F. D. Pereira, A. K. Minu, J. S. A. Curran, A. S. Ismail and A. Rahim.

The following will represent the I.R.C. 2nd XI. in a League match against the Royal Engineers at Soekunpoo on Saturday at 2 p.m. sharp:—
F. M. el Arculli (captain), J. S. Ismail, A. A. Abbas, H. T. M. Barma, M. P. Madar, D. Mohamed, A. R. H. Ismail, S. Ismail, A. M. Ramjahn, A. R. Sulfad and A. S. Sulfad.

Indian Elevens for To-morrow.

Playing at home in a friendly game, the following will represent the I.R.C. against the Navy to-morrow at 2 p.m.:—

A. H. Ramjahn, S. A. Ismail, A. H. Madar, A. el Arculli, A. A. Ramjahn, A. R. Minu, F. D. Pereira, A. K. Minu, J. S. A. Curran, A. S. Ismail and A. Rahim.

GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR
SUNDAY.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notify the following starting times for Sunday:—

9.15 a.m.	Not to be booked.
9.20	" A. B. Stewart, E. Grimble.
9.24	" G. T. May, W. D. Harris.
9.28	" C. W. Reeves, S. S. Perry.
9.32	" D. M. Goodall, H. T. Buxton.
9.36	" L. B. Holmes, J. E. Richardson.
9.40	" A. Ritchie, H. Pooley.
9.44	" A. B. Purves, N. K. McElroy.
9.48	" O. Eager, D. J. Gilmore.
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11.12	" W. N. Fleming, D. Black.
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12.04	" D. M. Richards, A. E. Richards.

HARRY EWIN IN
MANILA.Matched to Fight
Carlos Logan.

FORMIDABLE OPPONENT.

According to the Manila Bulletin, Seaman Harry Ewin, of H.M.S. Tormentor, is matched to meet a tough fighter named Carlos Logan there to-morrow night.

"Logan" says the Bulletin, "has been tipping over his opponents in a merciless manner, and he is the only battler in local circles who is conceded a chance of defeating the so-called heavyweight 'king' Young Ukudun."

The writer adds that Ewin comes to Manila with a great reputation, and makes capital out of the fact that Harry beat Dan Searcy twice in Shanghai.

"A Tough Nut."

"Searcy, who was stationed at Cavite last year," he says, "is a tough nut. Without doubt he was one of the best (American) Service men to display his wares in and around Manila, since the days of 'Bat' Ballerino. And if Ewin is good enough to put the works on the Marine, then he certainly warrants a big turn-out when he tangles with Logan. A. R. Lucey, who is handling Ewin in Manila, states confidently that the local fighter is in for a neat trimming."

Good Luck!

Ewin's friends will wish him success in his bout. It is to be hoped he puts up his usual good show, as Manila fight fans do not entertain too high an opinion of British and Australian boxers, as a general rule. The result of the battle will be awaited with considerable interest.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

GOLF—To-day—First Round of Ladies' Championships. Sunday—Exhibition Four-Ball Game, Cruickshank and Mohrhor, Fanning; Semi-final, K.G.C. Junior Championships. February 1—Second Round Junior Championships, Fanning. February 10—Junior Section, Championships, R.H.K.G.O. (First round).

FANLING HUNT—Sunday—17 Pine Tree Hill, 20 1/4/80 mile-stone.

January 23—Race Course. January 31—Snn Wai Camp.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Final Interport Trial—Club v. The Rest, Happy Valley, 2.15 p.m.

February 8—Club v. Navy (Triangular Tournament).

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First Division—Chinese Athletic v. St. Joseph's; Club v. South China; Police F.C. v. Kwong F.C.; Borderers v. Argyle; Royal Artillery v. Club de Recreio; Second Division—Navy v. Eastern; St. Joseph's v. University; Chinese Athletic v. Club; South China v. Borderers; Kwong F.C. v. Club de Recreio; Royal Artillery v. Argyle; Third Division—R.A.S.C. v. South China; Borderers v. R.A.O.C.; Royal Engineers v. Royal Air Force; Chinese Athletic v. Navy.

CRICKET—To-morrow—Division I—H.K.C.C. v. Civil Service C.C. (L.); Indian R.C. v. Navy (F.); Division II—University v. Police (L.); Royal Engineers v. Indian R.C. (L.); Civil Service C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. (L.).

RACING—February 15—Fanning Hunt-Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

CHINESE—To-day—Kwong F.C. Club Championships—H. W. Randall v. D. E. Carvalho; R. B. Jackson v. C. M. Sequeira; Lieut. Comdr. A. Pigott v. J. N. da Silva; A. J. Birnikoff v. T. G. Stokes; H. Bush v. F. A. Baranda.

February 23—March 7—Annual Race Meeting.

March 14—First Extra Race Meeting.

FENCING—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 8.15 p.m.

HOCKEY—To-morrow—St. Andrew's Club v. H.M.S. Berwick, Navy ground, 4.30 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. v. Army, King's Park, 8.30 p.m.

ATHLETICS—March 15 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

HOME.

FOOTBALL—Saturday—English Cup—Fourth Round. RUGBY FOOTBALL—Saturday—Scotland v. France, Paris.

FAMOUS ATHLETE
PASSES AWAY.Holder of World's Long
Jump Record.

New York, Yesterday.
The death has occurred of Robert Lucien Legendre, the American Olympic athlete, and holder of the world's record long jump of 25 feet 6 inches. He was aged thirty-three, and was a dentist by profession.—Reuter's American Service.

KAYE DON BREAKS
WORLD'S RECORD.Miss England II Attains
Speed of 100 M.P.H.

NOT OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED.

London, Yesterday.
Kaye Don, the British racing motorist, covered 100 miles an hour during a speed trial in Miss England II. at Lough Neagh, exceeding the world's record of 98.7 miles per hour created by the late Sir Henry Segrave in the same boat when he was killed on Lake Windermere. Kaye Don's feat is not officially recognised. He will make an attempt on the record at Buenos Aires shortly.—Reuter.

LAWN TENNIS
TOURNEY.Draw for the Colony's
Open Singles.

INTERESTING PAIRS.

The draw for the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Open Singles Championship provides one or two very interesting matches in the early stages.

The feature of the first quarter is the meeting of I. Goldman and S. E. Green. The second quarter stages an equal contest in T. Akiyama and Ng Sze-kwong. The third quarter provides two very interesting pairs, the first J. A. E. Cassumbhoy and H. D. Rumjahn, and the second H. Owen-Hughes and Ng Sze-cheung. The fourth quarter promises a good match between M. W. Lo and I. M. A. Razack.

The draw is as follows:—

1st Quarter.

C. A. Ramjahn (bye) v. D. B. Evans (bye).
Firdos Khan (bye) v. Slow Kim-sang (bye).

E. T. E. Nash (bye) v. Capt. W. M. Morgan (bye).
Chia Pat-pui (bye) v. Lt.-Col. J. C. Lecky (bye).

I. Goldman (bye) v. S. E. Green (bye).
L. T. Ride (bye) v. G. Lai (bye).

A. D. Humphreys (bye) v. F. H. Kwok (bye).
J. M. Morhans (bye) v. H. N. Chas (bye).

2nd Quarter.

S. A. Ramjahn (bye) v. In Tak-chen (bye).
Feroze Ali (bye) v. W. N. Petch (bye).

H. Ramjahn (bye) v. D. W. Deane (bye).
Horace Lo (bye) v. D. S. Green (bye).

P. Kong v. G. W. Lee.
F. A. Redmond v. J. W. Leonard.

T. Akiyama v. Ng Sze-kwong.
A. O. Johnson v. S. W. Liang.

G. W. A. Tufon v. D. J. Valentine.
Capt. E. C. Etherington v. R. R. Todd.

Wong Fuk-nam v. C. E. Holmes.
C. S. Fie v. W. T. Lee.

T. Honda v. E. F. Fincher.
J. A. E. Cassumbhoy v. H. D. Rumjahn.

In Tak-lum v. H. S. Lee.
W. C. Hung v. F. Grose.

Ho Kien v. W. F. Edge.
H. Y. Ho v. K. Yoshikawa.

Yew Man-Kit v. Lee Wai-sol.
Lee Woon-ol v. Ng Kam-chuen.

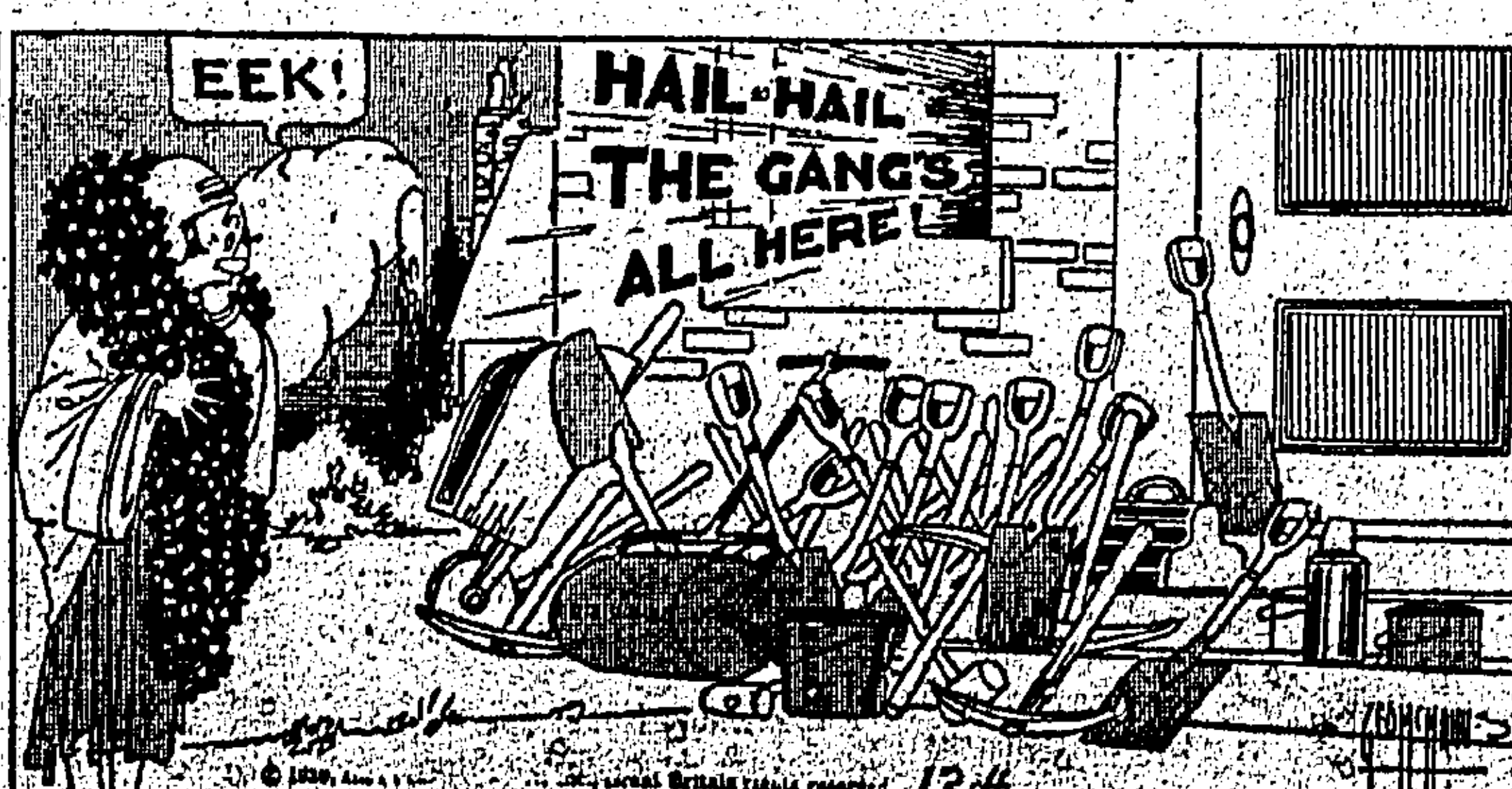
E. C. Fincher (bye) v. R. Chas (bye).
Zimmerman (bye) v. Surg. Comdr. H. Harkins (bye).

M. Kinoshita (bye) v. Luk Ding-cheung (bye).
H. Owen Hughes (bye) v. Ng Sze-cheung (bye).

4th Quarter.
A. L. Sullivan (bye) v. D. M. Mac-Dougall (bye).

V. V. Sonderam (bye) v. J. H. Anderson (bye).
Wong Shiu-wing (bye) v. Chan So (bye).

Luk Kang-cheung (bye) v. Chiu Chun-chiu (bye).
M. W. Lo (bye



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ROUND THE CINEMAS

"SHOOTING" A SCENE FOR "ATLANTIC."

DUPONT'S FLOOD.

E. A. Dupont reverted to nocturnal habits during the "Shooting" of the flood scene in "Atlantic," and had his people working through several nights. For the flooding of the grand staircase of the "Atlantic," now showing at the Queen's Theatre, literally thousands of tons of water swirled round the furniture and fittings, in a highly realistic fashion. It was quite unnecessary for those concerned to go out of their way to register their emotions, for as they soon discovered, the water was ice-cold. The jazz band which synchronises this item plays with a certain amount of fitness, "How long has this been going on?"

"MAMBA."

If ever a picture combined all that it takes to make complete and perfect entertainment, that picture is "Mamba," the Tiffany feature produced entirely in dialogue and Technicolor and shown for the first time at the Central Theatre yesterday. "Mamba" makes many bids to fame as an outstanding picture of the year. It is a spectacular production, tells a powerful story, is perfectly acted and directed and beautifully photographed.

For the first time we find in a screen drama the strange situation that sprang up between British and German soldiers and civilians who had lived for years as friends and neighbours in the African colonies of those two countries and suddenly found themselves facing each other as enemies by reason of the outbreak of the great war in far away Europe.

Colour subjects, of course, have been made before and are, in themselves, no novelty, but the background of "Mamba"—the African jungle, the tropics, the gaudy war regalia of the natives, the flashing uniforms of German and British Colonial troops—offers a kaleidoscope before unequalled.

From the viewpoint of the spectacular, "Mamba" sets a new high. It presents limitless jungles, the wild and impenetrable forests. We see a native village with its hundreds of blacks, a never-ending menace to the whites, regardless of nationality. We see the savages in their picturesque and often terrifying tribal dances. We see the burning of the native village and, finally, the attack by the horde of black savages on the little settlement, defended by only a handful of men in command of a gallant German officer who has determined to die fighting. Then the shrill note of a bugle signals the arrival of a crushing British force, who save the day.

This is tense drama and spine-tling melodrama in unusual proportions. In full sound, recorded by RCA Photophone and Technicolor, marvellous effects have been obtained.

The dramatic burden is carried capably by Jean Herschell, Eleanor Boardman and Ralph Forbes, Herschell is superb. It is undoubtedly his greatest characterisation—this German planter, gross, ugly, bestial, despicable but immensely rich. The title, "Mamba," being the name of a deadly snake of the country, is made to symbolize the character of "Bolte."

Eleanor Boardman is exquisite as the gentle flower of German nobility who marries Bolte because his money will save her impoverished father, but it is not until after she has learned what a beast he is and that he is the most despised man in East Africa. When she meets Karl von Reiden, so gallantly played by Ralph Forbes, a romance starts that leads to many tense dramatic situations.

"CALL OF THE FLESH."

"Singing leaves" are no asset to movie music. Leaves in shrubs in a garden bower on a movie set had to be sprayed with glycerine in order that they wouldn't interrupt a singer.

In filming Ramon Novarro's new musical picture, "Call of the Flesh," which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre, it was found that leaves in a garden scene vibrated against the orchestral accompaniment, so that the rustle was apparent in the delicate microphone. Glycerine was used to soften the counter vibration.

Novarro sings a number of operatic arias as well as lighter compositions in his new production. Included in the supporting cast are: Dorothy Jordan, Ernest Torrence, Nance O'Neil, Renee Adoree, Mathilde Comont and Russell Hop-ton. Charles Brabin directed.

"BLACK MAGIC."

A lonely island in the South Seas, is the pretty setting of Warner Brothers' Production "Black Magic" which is being screened at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow at the usual times.

The story tells of the lives of a rake (Earle Fox), a coward (Fred Feld), a drunkard (Henry B. Walthall), and a man (John Holland). They come to meet on the island, and live among the black natives. The drunkard, a one-time famous surgeon, has two daughters, Josephine Dunn and Dorothy Jordan, the former having the romantic lead with John Holland, who is seen in the role of a pearl hunter. Many intimate scenes of native ceremonies are given in this film, which also depicts the evils of a witch-doctor.

In addition, there is shown a Prizma, which depicts "Hawaii," also, a comedy, entitled "Stock Exchange" featuring Bobby Vernon.

CHICAGO BANDITS' RAID.

Dancing Girls Shot Dead.

New York, Nov. 24.
Two dancing girls were shot dead and a number of men and women were severely wounded by revolver and shotgun fire in a midnight raid by eight bandits on a road house near Chicago yesterday. The bandits, who drove up in motor-cars, burst into the house, and aimed revolvers and sawed off shotguns at the entertainers and guests, who were either drinking at the bar or dining in the inner room.

The bandits having ordered their victims to stand against the wall and hold up their hands, proceeded to go through their pockets. Finding the light too dim for their purposes one of the bandits leaned over the bar to turn on the main lights. As he did so a railway policeman who had been in another room came in accompanied by his dog—a Great Dane. The dog seeing a stranger leaning over the bar, rushed at him and fastened his teeth in his side. As the dog leapt on him the man's hand slipped on the switch and turned out all the lights. The policeman and the bandits began firing and bullets whizzed about the room, many persons being shot. The dog, angered by his wounds and the screams of the injured, ran about biting at those who had been thrown to the ground.

The bandits then fought their way out and disappeared in a motor-car. By the time police reinforcements arrived many of the wounded had been taken away by their uninjured friends. Some of the wounded were found lying on the floor near the wall. They had been hit in the back before they dared even to turn round.

"MISS CAMPTON" DEAD.

Cockney Actress Who Captured Paris.

Paris, Nov. 21.
Miss Campton is dead. Her name hardly known to-day, was famous a decade ago when Mistinguett was a struggling artist.

Miss Campton, a cockney originally, came to Paris as a member of one of the first troupes to visit Paris. She had personality and an accent which sent audiences at the Folies Bergere into fits of laughter.

After a struggle she was a star, before the other English artist, Harry Fragson, had won recognition. Fragson's name was Potts, but what Miss Campton's name was nobody knew, she would never tell. It was the success of Miss Campton which made Mlle. Tanguy change her name to Miss Tanguy, afterwards corrupted into Mistinguett.

Miss Campton married a French comedian who has played in London, but she was divorced.

A few years ago she married M. Paul Dervar, the manager of the Folies Bergere, where she had made her first appearance.

Waltz—
Little Russian Rose (159).
Fox Trot—
With You,
There's Danger in Your Eyes
Cherie (45).
Living a Life of Dreams,
Slow Fox Trot—
Nobody Cares If I'm Blue (158).
One Step—
Canablanca,
Fox Trot—
Savita (5249).
Sweetheart We Need Each Other,
Waltz—
You're Always in My Arms (5660).
Fox Trot—
Swinging in a Hammock,
Waltz—
Until We Meet Again Sweetheart,
God Save The King,
12 midnight—Close Down.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 865 metres:—

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7 p.m.—Stock Quotations.
7-12 midnight—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

7-7.45 p.m.—Variety.
Chorus—
Bachanalia—Drinking Songs Fantasia (arr. Finch).
Herman Finck and His Orchestra (9240).
Vocal Humorous Duet—
We Must All Pull Together,
Tid-ile-id-ile-um-pum,
The Two Gilberts (214).
Marimba Solo—Alloha Oo,
Xylophone Solo—Minuet,
Rudy Starita (4782).
Song—
The Song I Love,
Someday, Somewhere,
Marie Foster, Soprano (5349).
Humorous Monologue—
Mr. Potter Visits Southend,
Gillie Potter (5067).
Orchestral—
Mistakes,
I Can't Give You Anything
But Love,
Albert Sandler and His Orchestra (5222).
Fan Fare of Trumpets—
Le Vieux Grenadier (Courtade),
Marche Des Boucliers (Courtade),
Directed by A. Courtade (5139).

7.45-8.12 p.m.—Orchestral.
Classical—Selections (Ewing),
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9440).
A Musical Jig-Saw (Astori),
Court Symphony Orchestra (948).
Jelly Fellows (Volstead),
Hydropon (Jos. Gungl),
New Concert Orchestra (9388).

8.12-8.55 p.m.—From the Land of Heather.
Robt. Burns—
A Man Amongst Men,
By the Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P. (9779).
Highland Band—
Highland Fling (Stumple),
Highland Military Band (4761).

Song—
The Auld Scots Songs
(Bethune & Leeson, arr. Moffat),
I'm Glad My Heart's My Ain
(Ingalls), Margaret F. Stewart, Soprano (4768).
Band—
Scottish Medley (Deboy Somers),
Deboy Somers' Band (9425).
Song—
Lassie O' Mine (Walt & Bowles),
Fraser Gange, Baritone (5141).

Band—
The Thistle—Selection of Scottish Melodies (Myddleton arr. Winterbottom),
H.M. Grenadier Guards' Band (9102).
9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.
8.55-9.25 p.m.—
Organ Solo—
Excerpt from "Subhi Kazib"
(Lowe & Gower-Brown),
Flower of Love (Axt & Mendoza),
Quentin M. McLean (5362).

Song—
Time to Go
(Weatherly & Sanderson),
Malcolm McEachern, Bass (4893).
Humorous Song—
That's a Good Girl—
Chirp, Chirp,
Sweet So and So,
Jack Buchanan (4852).

Song—
That's a Good Girl—
A Marching Song,
Raymond Newell (4953).
Parting Time,
Jack Buchanan, Vera Pearce,
Raymond Newell (4953).
Song—
Song of the Sea—
All Day Long,
Lillian Davies, Soprano (5086).
Women ... Archie W. Baskoomb
Comedian (5086).
9.25-9.50 p.m.—Operatic.
Romeo & Juliet—
Overture Fantasia (Tschakowsky),
William Mengelberg and His Concert Orchestra (56).

9.50-12 midnight—Dance Programme.
Fox Trot—
If I Could be with You,
Roamin' Thru' the Roses (155).
I'm Following You,
I'm Sailing on a Sunbeam (22).
Slow Fox Trot—
Angel Mother,
Fox Trot—
Are You a Russian? (167).
Why am I so Romantic?
Waltz—
It's For You (161).
One Step—
We Must All Pull Together,
Gorgonzola (150).
Tango—
Molodé Du Reve,
Julian (3870).
Fox Trot—
Pickin' Petals off O'Dalees,
A Night of Happiness (4).
Crying for the Carolines,
Have a Little Faith in Me (38).
Song of Swanes,
Tango-Fox Trot—
Once in a While (125).
Waltz—
The Same as We Used to do,
A Slave to Love (147).
Fox Trot—
Take Along a Little Love,
Waltz—
Follow a Star,
Don't Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve,
Always in All Ways,
Beyond the Blue Horizon (162).
Oh! Donna Clara,
(Continued at foot of preceding Column.)

TALKIE TALKS

Diana

A shipwreck melodrama which must be founded on the great catastrophe of the Titanic. It is Directed by A. E. Dupont who made such a success of "Variety" in which I saw Emil Jannings give one of the best performances of his career. I think this is the first All-British Talkie we have had here. The acting is fair, but the best of them all is Franklin Dyll. The story is by Ernest Raymond who wrote that unforgettable book—"Tell England." I had the honour of meeting him when he was on a Lecture Tour in Canada. The story tells of a great liner speeding across the Atlantic ablaze with light, dancing and gaiety, when with terrific suddenness comes a heartrending crash, as the vessel strikes an iceberg. Pandemonium reigns. Scenes of indescribable agony, a mass of seething humanity facing death with ineffable courage. You will see scenes of heroism, you will be proud of your race.

A True Story.

You have to realize that this story is true. It is a picturization of one of the greatest sea tragedies in history. We go to War films—We do not like them, but we must face life in all its aspects. We, none of us want such a tragedy to come into our lives. One is left wondering what would be your own feelings when faced with death, as these poor souls were in that disaster. I remember the sensation it caused in America. I was there at the time. No one believed that the biggest ship in the world had gone down on that, her Maiden voyage. It was unthinkable, it was unbelievable, but alas too true. I do not wish to appear a little disloyal, but I certainly think Britain has much to learn in the great art of making pictures. This was far too drawn out, and slow in getting under way. It missed fire somewhere, but taken in all it is worth seeing. The "Short"—also produced in Britain, with British artists, was not worth considering.

"The Call of the Flesh."

Ramon Novarro's newest Talkie, "The Call of the Flesh," will further strengthen his popularity. I liked it immensely. Dorothy Jordan is quite delightful, but the other woman—Renee Adoree is the better. This was her last picture before she was taken so seriously ill. Poor little thing she is to be another year in the Sanatorium in Arizona. Ernest Torrence makes us want more of his singing and playing, and a credible bit is done by the Ex-Opera singer as the landlady. Do I advise the Novarro "Fans" to see it? By all means. The singing in the opening scenes in the Church stands out in my memory. Novarro sings better than he ever did. The story is not far fetched, and although there is a little of the sob-stuff, I did not feel ashamed of my tears—(Fellow suffering makes the whole world kin)—Strongly recommended—(Queen's).

Vagabond Lover.

Rudy Valle will shortly appear at the Central—(At least we are led to expect it)—in "The Vagabond Lover," so far his one and only Talkie. He disarms criticism of himself, because he does not attempt to act, but his singing will enchant those who so admire his Dance Records—(and who does not). The film is an absurd concoction designed as a vehicle for Mr. Valle, who appears to be almost oblivious of what is going on around him. He just stands still and sings, for the most part with his eyes cast modestly down—as he does in the famous Rudy Valle's Night Club, where the crowds throng to hear the now world-famous crooning voice. Marie Dressler deserves a diadem of diamonds for her valiant effort to lift the picture, and she, as usual gets away with it. Sally Blane who needs a voice polishing, is the heroine. We cannot help admiring this man who has given us such pleasure with his super little Band. We must give credit where it is due, and his Victor records are tremendously popular all over the world—his success personally puzzles me. I think he is better unseen—yet when he appears in New York at the Paramount Theatres the police have to be called in to cope with the crowds—of women. "Rudy Valleitis" they call it, and it has brought in the young man a million in a few months. Do not miss seeing it. Oh, by the bye, when I saw it in America, he sang the old war-time favourite—by Clifford Grey—"If I were the Only Girl in the World," and so put it back on the Ten Cent Store Counters as a "best seller." I hope it is not left out here—that song has memories for so many of us.

Song of My Heart.

"Song of My Heart" brings the world-famous tenor John Mc-

Cormack to the screen. His glorious voice is superbly recorded, and you certainly have your share of it. He does eleven songs, and the gem of them all is still "I Hear You Calling Me." How that man CAN sing that song, it is as perfect as ever—This film was nearly all taken in the Land of the Shamrock. I will not say what I think of the story and the support, only John and his voice counted with me. (Queen's).

Strange Actions.

What a gripping little "Short"—that was we had this week at the Queen's—called "Friendship." Like the hero in the story I have found many strange actions done in my life that come under the heading of "Friendship"—and I am left, like he was, to wonder IF it exists. Excellent acting, especially by an old stage favourite of mine—Robert Edeson. "Good News" is like the pardon from the Governor in the old song—"It came too late." Still there is little Bessie Love doing "The Varsity Drag" and Stanley Smith and Ukelele like to help along the far-fetched College story. It is from the stage play, but has been copied by so many other Studios that the story is no longer new. Still—it may please this Cosmopolitan audience, and it is cheery if it be nothing else—(Queen's).

Kod la Roque was really good

in an absurd part in "The Delightful Rogue." I was disappointed in Rita le Roy, but the story was so far-fetched that she must not be judged. (Central).

Hollywood Gossip.

British International Pictures are being highly praised by the American critics. "Atlantic," "Suspense" and "Murder" all receive their share. They may prove a serious rival to the American Productions, because after all, the artists DO speak with such perfect diction, and how often are we left wondering whether we really know our own language when we hear it murdered by some of these American players.

The new baby Heifetz, has been called Joseph after father—(Mother Florence Vidor). Mary Pickford denies all. She will not retire, nor go on the stage, nor divorce Doug. Fifi Dorsey is teaching her the broken French accent required for the part in "Kiki."

Janet Gaynor is scheduled to play Mary's old favourite—"Daddy Long-Legs." This little girl has been the biggest disappointment to me, but she is still highly popular in America, anyhow.

Esther Ralston has made a remarkable come-back. Will play lead opposite Lawrence Tibbett in "The Southerner." I saw her in Vaudeville, and thought her above the average. How she has worked for this result, and behind it all is her husband George Webb, who is the man responsible for her improvement and success.

Marjorie Rambeau.

One of the finest actresses I have ever seen is Marjorie Rambeau. Here she is, over forty, staging a remarkable success in the Talkies, that is when she is given parts worthy of her. She is said to be marvellous in "Her Man" with my favourite Helen Twelvetrees.

Rudy Valle and Nancy Carroll have been packing the two Paramount Theatres in New York and Brooklyn. That boy certainly works. Does eleven shows a day, and journeys in between the theatres. No sign of his great popularity waning.

I know that Marie Dressler is my "strongest weakness," but anything she says and does is O.K. with me. She has a philosophy in life that makes a special appeal to me (is it because introspection is my middle name)? Perhaps it will to you too. It has kept her balanced in the rough spots as well as smooth. She believes that whatever success comes to you is destined for you, that one is really a creature of chance. That philosophy works both ways, in reverses as well as successes. How many of the former has she had, but she does not lay the blame to herself. They happened in spite of all she could do, so WHY say our failures are those of FATE, and our suc-

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Returned!

Hurrah. One of the finest actors on the screen—Leslie Fenton, has returned from his world tour. He states that he went in search of his soul, he is a peculiar character, but brilliantly clever, and with William Powell is one of the greatest "stealers" in pictures. He is to play with Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell in "The Man Who Came Back" I, for one, am glad he came back. Paul Lukas for whom a double had to be used in "The Wolf of Wall Street" has mastered English and is a riot with Ruth Chatterton in two succeeding pictures. You remember Louise Brooks who also used a double in "The Canary Murder Case?" She is back from Germany and will be with William Powell in his next—"Ladies Man." Anna May Wong, also back from England and the Continent is an enormous hit in a Broadway success—"On the Spot." Norma Shearer's first picture since the birth of the Thalberg son and heir, will be "Strangers May Kiss." Norma always overdoes that in her plays to my idea. She has made another enormous hit in "Let Us Be Gay" shortly at the Queen's.

VALUE OF FOG.

AN AGENT IN CREATING DRAMA.

The increased dramatic value of fog is considered by William C. De Mille, veteran director, as one of the important assets of the talking picture.

"Silent pictures undoubtedly improved acting, because of the definite demands of pantomime," stated De Mille, "but always with them we had certain barriers we could not cross."

"Lacking voice we could never do scenes where we could not see the people. If we had a telephone sequence we had to cut back and forth between our principals. In talking films we can play the whole scene with one person, getting the reactions of the other entirely by voice. My brother, Cecil, did this interestingly in 'Dynamite.'"

Exciting Thing.

"But talkies permit us to go farther than that. There is no doubt that fog is one of the most dramatic things in all the natural world. Anyone who has been in London or San Francisco when one 'shut down' can attest to the many exciting things that can happen because of and under the cover of fog."

"But in silents we could never use fog, adequately, because, without voice, we had to keep clear the faces of our characters. In talkies, however, we don't need to see our players at all times. A scene like this occurs in my new picture, 'The Passion Flower' when Kay Johnson, unseen in fog, calls to Charles Bickford by far the most dramatic line in all the production."

"THE MASTER."

DIRECTORS PAY HOMAGE TO CHAPLIN.

While pro and con argument swirls around Charlie Chaplin's decision not to make talking pictures, five successful directors of comedies do obeisance and call him "Master."

These five men are the justification for the statement that Chaplin has trained more successful makers of laugh pictures than any other single individual in the industry.

They are Mel Brown, director of "Check and Double Check," Edward Sutherland, Monta Bell, Harry d'Arrast, director of "Laughter," and "Chuck" Reisner, who made "Caught Short," and is now completing "Reducing," another Marie Dressler-Polly Moran comedy for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. "Chaplin's methods are so thorough, so grounded in the fundamentals of laugh creation," stated Reisner recently, "that those fortunate enough to serve as his assistants secured a training that covered every possible point. Chaplin's individual production permits him to proceed one step at a time. His assistants, therefore, learn their business in a way that clings and is never forgotten. He is as great a teacher of his art as he is an artist."

A TRIFLE TARDY.

Snappy dialogue of the day from "REDUCING," Marie Dressler-Polly Moran M-G-M. comedy, directed by Chuck Reisner: Polly (to Marie, speaking of Marie's picture husband, Lucien Littlefield)—"I don't see how you could marry a man who snores that way!" Marie: "It was too late when I found it out."

"LIUGRAPHY."

180 WORDS A MINUTE SYSTEM.

Much interest is being shown in Peking in a new system of Chinese shorthand, devised by Mr. Liu Hsueh-chun, which is capable of recording 180 words per minute. As each character, or "letter," in Chinese is a complete word, Chinese ideography would in itself be a type of shorthand, were it not that the characters are extremely elaborate, the writing of some of them requiring as many as thirty separate strokes of brush or pencil. Mr. Liu's system, which he calls "Liugraphy," simplifies these Chinese characters on a basis of phonetics, and as there are very

WATER RETURN.

The level and storage of water in our reservoirs on January 1, 1931, is as under:—

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tydam	13' 3" B	23' 5" B
Tydam Byewash	19' 5" B	21' 1" B
Tydam Intermediate	0' 7" B	0' 2" B
Tydam Tuk	13' 11" B	17' 1" B
Wong Nei Chung	19' 1" B	17' 8" B
Pokfulum	10' 11" B	17' 1" B
(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow.")		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1930	1931
Tydam	295.30	212.98
Tydam Byewash	3.03	2.19
Tydam Intermediate	192.65	104.36
Tydam Tuk	757.42	1,035.33
Wong Nei Chung	10.65	11.65
Pokfulum	42.38	29.94

Total

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1929	1930
Estimated population	210,64	276,89
Estimated population	438,580	448,000
Consumption per head per day	15.5	10.9
December, 1929.—During the whole month a 12-hours supply (6 a.m.—6 p.m.) was given to all Rider Main Districts. Principal Mains closed (6 p.m.—8 a.m.).		
December, 1930.—Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level districts during the whole month with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where a constant street fountain supply was operated from December 1 to 31, 1930.		

Kowloon.	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	0' 2" A	2' 10" B
Shed Lai Pui Reservoir	9' 11" B	1' 1" B
Reception Reservoir	1' 8" B	1' 8" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	364.24	323.66
Shed Lai Pui Reservoir	79.28	111.67
Reception Reservoir	28.75	28.75

Total

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1929	1930
Estimated population	110,38	138,38
Estimated population	173,260	178,300
Consumption per head per day	21.7	25.0
Constant supply in all districts during December, 1929 and 1930.		
The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.		
Total rainfall: December 31, 1929, 69.83; December 31, 1930, 96.00.		

few separate sounds in the language, he claims that his system is very easy to learn.

Anyone who knows Chinese should be able to learn "Liugraphy" by studying an hour a day for three months, the inventor asserts, and he himself has given frequent demonstrations in Peking to prove that he can write 180 words per minute.

Mr. Liu has written a book explaining his system of stenography which is soon to be published.

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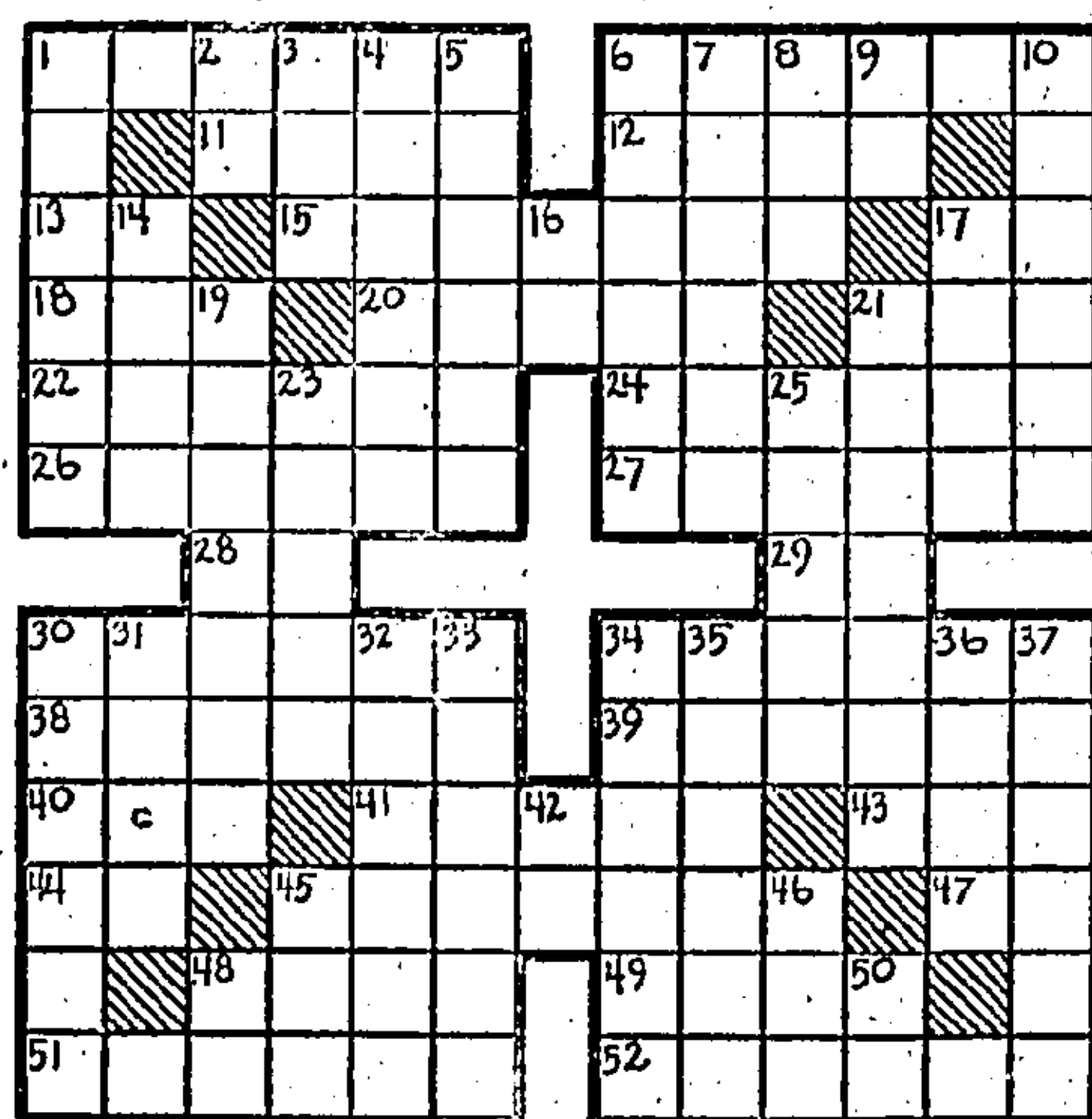
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- To have recourse to
- Vigorous twigs
- Chief of the gods (Norse Myth.)
- Makes lace
- Pronoun
- Possessive of Asgard
- Member of Parliament (abbr.)
- Constellation
- Roughly, one drop
- Little inland in inland waters
- Decayed
- Junior as in rank (law)
- One's entire property
- Respect
- Because
- A month (abbr.)
- A covering for the lower leg
- Percolated
- In card playing to fall to follow suit when possible

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- Coquette
- Gods of the dawn (Gr. Myth.)
- To gather crop
- Carted Public
- Accountant (abbr.)
- Half an am
- Reptiles and fishes (Zool.)
- Period of time
- Roughly, one drop
- Grove
- Melody
- Fierce
- City in Asia Minor

VERTICAL

- To be cautious
- Toward
- Fertile name
- Fate
- A motor
- A streak caused by fogging
- Founder of Thebes
- Pronoun
- Bone (Latin)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- Combining form
- Seven
- Greek god of love
- Indefinite article
- Belonging to me
- Achieves
- Free from disease
- To have a particular flavor
- Country of Europe
- Natives of Greece
- Classical form of son
- A drink of milk, eggs and spirits
- Tall
- Supposedly new element resembling thorium
- Discover
- The law (Sansk.)
- Printer's measure
- A wing-like part
- Somewhat
- Sons of Veterans (abbr.)
- Comparative ending of adjectives

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

Julius Caesar and Pope Gregory.

CONSIDERED AS A CIRCLE.

New York, Dec. 30. The majority of the world will to-morrow celebrate the beginning of another year but few people know why this begins on January 1.

There is really no reason for starting each new year on the day called January 1, except that Julius Caesar so decreed it when he reformed the calendar 1,776 years ago. But the day of the year that Caesar called January 1 is not the day that is so designated. Instead it is the day now called December 28.

Because Caesar assumed the year to be 11 minutes and 14 seconds longer than it really is, the date "crawled" through the centuries away from the position that he gave them. Until by 1582 they were 14 days out of place. January 1 had advanced almost to the middle of the January marked out by Caesar.

In attempting to correct this discrepancy, Pope Gregory turned the calendar back, not to its position in Caesar's day, but to its position at the time of the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. when the calendar had already crawled forward four days. Had Pope Gregory made a complete correction, January 1 would have fallen on the day now called December 28.

But after all, the fact that January 1 is still four days away from the position fixed by the fiat of a Roman emperor is of no great significance. The really important matter is that the date shall not drift away from its moorings and take up new positions with reference to the seasons; and its stability within a very tiny range was properly assured by the corrections which Pope Gregory made.

The Starting Place.
 The year is a repetition of the same months and days, and can best be thought of as a circle. A trip around a circle can start at any point and similarly the year could be thought of as starting on any day. In fact, throughout the past, different people have started the year in all four of the seasons.

In the Gregorian calendar this date occurs 12 days earlier than in the Julian; thus New Year's Day is the English 13th of January.

The ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians and Persians began their year at the Autumnal Equinox (September 21) and the Greeks until the 5th Century B.C., at the Winter Solstice (December 21). The ancient Romans once celebrated

BIG HULKING BRUTE

MR. GRIMMITT'S DESCRIPTION OF A SMUGGLER.

"A big hulking brute like defendant should not go in for smuggling, he should find work to do," remarked Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmitt at the Central Second Court this morning, when he charged a Chinese man, before Mr. E. H. Williams with not having paid duty on a quantity of tobacco.

Giving the facts, Mr. Grimmitt said that the defendant was arrested in Connaught Road West at about 7 o'clock this morning. He had four packets of tobacco in a shoe box, which had a lid on. Four other packets were found concealed in his girdle.

Defendant: I was carrying it for a friend.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$25 with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour.

ed the beginning of the year on the 31st of December, but Caesar, by the adoption of the Julian calendar, postponed it to the 1st of January. The Jews have always reckoned their civil year from the first day of the month of Tishri (September 6-October 5) but their ecclesiastical year begins at the spring equinox (March 21). The 25th of March was usual date among most Christian peoples in Mediaeval times. In Anglo-Saxon England, however, the 25th of December was New Year Day. At the Norman Conquest, owing, it is believed, to the coincidence of his coronation being arranged for that date, William the Conqueror, ordered that the year should start on the 1st of January. But later England began her year with the rest of Christendom on the 25th of March. The Gregorian calendar (1582) which restored the 1st of January to its position as New Year's Day was accepted by all Catholic countries at once, Germany, Denmark, and Sweden about 1700 but not until 1753 by England.

Christian Era.
 In the year 527 the evidence as to the time of Christ's birth was not very dependable, and it is now believed by many scholars that the calculations on which the Christian Era was based were in error by from three to seven years. The new year therefore is called 1931 not because it is known to be 1900th and 31st year since the birth of Christ, but because a monk named Dionysius Exiguus wrongly calculated the birth year. If the present year bore its strictly proper label it would probably be numbered between 1934 and 1938 A.D.—United Press.

SHOOTING OF NURSE CAVELL.

Vain Efforts to Stop Tragedy.

AMBASSADOR'S DIARY.

Brussels, Nov. 21.

Fresh light is thrown to-day on the Nurse Cavell tragedy by the publication for the first time of an extract from the diary of the Marquis de Villalobar, who, as Spanish Ambassador in Brussels during the War, played a prominent part in connection with the great drama.

The Marquis de Villalobar relates how Mr. Hugh Gibson, then First Secretary to the American Legation in Brussels, called on him on the night before the execution in a state of great distress, and how they went together to see Baron von der Lancken, the German Director of Political Affairs.

Baron von der Lancken told the Marquis that he had spoken to the Acting Governor about the matter, but that General von Sauberzweig was resolved to put Miss Cavell to death and that nothing would turn him from this course. The Marquis had a long conversation alone with the Baron, and declared that he was convinced that if the Englishwoman was executed all Great Britain, and, indeed, the whole British Empire, would rise to a man against Germany.

"He Wants To Kill Her."
 Baron von der Lancken said that he realised all this, but that General von Sauberzweig was not to be moved—"He wants to kill her."

At last the Marquis persuaded the Baron to have one more interview with the implacable General. In twenty minutes he returned, and told the Marquis that it was hopeless. He was very much moved, and said that the General, who had already gone to bed, had received him most discourteously.

The Marquis then made his final throw. He suggested to the Baron that he should telephone the Emperor, whose headquarters were not far distant. Baron von der Lancken was stupefied at such a suggestion and kept on repeating, "Telephone the Emperor. But one can't telephone the Emperor."

The Marquis tells how the Baron came to see him a few weeks later, and informed him that when the Emperor learned of the execution he was very angry, and reprimanded those who had permitted it to take place. He gave orders that in future no woman was to be executed during the campaign.

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